JOHN WALSH FALLS IN LOVE WITH A CHAIR

Brown to give 'children's Budget'

GORDON BROWN will unveil a By ANDREW GRICE "Budget for families" tomorrow that hands more state help to poor families without launching an all-out attack on the middle

The Chancellor, whose handling of the economy is praised today in a glowing report by the International Monetary Fund, plans to make the family the centrepiece of his Budget by increasing child benefit. It will already rise from £11.45 to £14.40 a week for the first child next month and the proposed rise for each other child, from £9.30 to £9.60, could oow be raised further.

AND DIANE COYLE

Mr Brown said yesterday: "One theme of my Budget is ... that supporting families by supporting children is not only good in itself hut the hest estment for any country in its future."

The Chancellor, who may also increase state benefits for the poorest families, will announce his long-promised 10p starting rate of income tax. This will help the low paid and mean a "tax cut for all", but it may not begin to take effect until April of next year.

Mr Brown wants to tax the falling, the time is right to child benefit payments of higher rate taxpavers but has de-

cided to delay the introduction of the controversial move. He and Tony Blair agreed that to avoid alienating "middle England," sensitive changes will be phased in rather than introduced in one "big bang."

But the Prime Minister is believed to have endorsed Mr Brown's plans to abolish mortgage interest tax relief (Miras). a move that will hit many of the voters Mr Blair has wooed. It has already been cut to 10p in the pound and the Treasury be-

scrap the relief. Mr Brown's preparations for

his third Budget were given a big boost by the IMF report. Its annual assessment heaps praise on the Chancellor for "skilful management" of the economy and an "impressive" performance. The world's economic over-

terest rates to fall, downgrading its growth forecast for 1999 slightly to 0.8 per cent. But it said the slowdown would be both gentle and short-lived.

Granting independence to the Bank of England, and the

weaker growth, sets an example to the rest of the world, according to the IMF.

Poor pensioners can expect help from the Budget but motorists and smokers look certain to be hit by the usual aboveinflation increase in the duties on fuel and cigarettes.

The three main themes will seer found more scope for in- be families, helping people off welfare into work and boosting enterprise. Mr Brown's determination to "tackle inequality at source" has been reinforced by a Treasury study that found children's prospects are beavily shaped by the wealth of

their families. It will say: "Eighty per cent of boys whose fathers were in the top quarter of income distribution end up in the top half of income distribution. Just over a third of boys with parents in the bottom quarter manage to move to

The Chancellor will expand the New Deal programme for the unemployed to include the over-50s, who will be offered tax-free credits and a minimum income guarantee to lure them back into the jobs market.

the top haif."

Stephen Byers, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, will oo Wednesday unveil a series of measures to telling them that you've inboost Britain's competitive-

Francis Maude, the shadow Chancellor, said: "This is a Government which was electtaxes at all but which is now cynically and deliberately hitting Britain's workers, penners, savers and busin with taxation by stealth."

Kenneth Clarke, the former Tory Chancellor, accused Mr. Brown of leaking his measures

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Britons Andy Elson and Colin Prescot, who tried to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon, were forced to ditch in the sea 200 miles off Japan yesterday. Story page 4 AP

Woodhead: Teachers call for inquiry

TEACHERS' LEADERS de- BY BEN RUSSELL manded a government inquiry yesterday into fresh allegations over the conduct of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools.

had an affair with a pupil while a teacher at her school, were rue then he should be sacked.

The latest row follows revelations in The Independent earlier this year that Mr Woodhead had told a meeting of student teachers that relationships between pupils and teachers could be "experiential and educative". He later apologised for the remark amid a barrage of criticism, although he retained the support of ministers.

Under the Sexual Offences

Education Correspondent

(Amendment) Bill, currently passing through the Commons, teachers face up to two years They claimed that if the al- in jail if they have sex or "any legations against him, that he sexual activity with pupils aged under 18 at their school

Last night, heads called on Tony Blair to investigate the latest claims, which were made yesterday in a Sunday newspaper by Mr Woodhead's former wife, Cathy

She claimed that Mr Woodhead had admitted to an affair with Amanda Johnston, a pupil at Gordano School near Bristol. Mr Woodhead has always maintained that the relationship did not start until they had both left the school



Woodhead: Accused of lies

Ms Johnston has backed his version of events, saying in a statement there was nothing improper about their relationship while they were at school.

But in a oewspaper article sity students. It is a question of is the case the Prime Minister yesterday Mrs Woodhead whether the Chief Inspector lied will want to know the answer to wrote: "I have become increasingly aware that my silence has condoned his lying and, despite further pressure, I am oo longer willing to stand

Yesterday, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "If the allegations are proved to be true then I think in the interests of all concerned a parting of the ways is inevitable.

back and see this continue."

"If it's clear beyond doubt that he has been lying then there is no alternative to his going. The Government cannot just sit on its thumbs. It is no longer a question of whether the Chief Inspector made indiscreet comments to a group of univer-

on television and elsewhere." John Dunford, general sec-

retary of the Secondary Heads Association, said Mr Woodhead's "position becomes increasingly untenable" if the allegations prove to be true. "Ofsted [Office for Standards

in Education] has such an influence oo the lives of so many teachers and children it is essential to have someooe of complete integrity at the head of it. It is necessary for this to be investigated. It behoves the Prime Minister to investigate this, otherwise the credibility of

Chris Woodhead is damaged. "Mr Woodhead seems to claim that he is responsible to the Prime Minister and if that some questions," he said.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, added: "The fundamental questioo is: has he, as his wife alleges, consistently lied about this relationship? If that is the case, he must ask himself whether he has compromised his moral authority to continue as Chief Inspector of Schools."

Senior government sources declined to comment on the

Mr Woodhead said last night: "I have got nothing to add to what I am already on record as saying, nothing else. My position is perfectly clear and it has been clear for four years."

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Kubrick, rare genius of the cinema, dies

STANLEY KUBRICK, one of the BY KATHY MARKS century's most talented film directors and a legendary recluse, died yesterday, months before the release of his first film for over a decade.

ness, including a new bureau

for small businesses, which

are increasingly coocerned

MP who narrowly failed to be-

come the party's leader in the

Welsh Assembly, suggested oo

BBC's On the Record television

programme yesterday that Mr

Brown's strategy was "redis-

tribution by stealth". "What

you do now is to find a method

of taxing the better off without

them noticing ... it means you

Rhodri Morgan, the Labour

about red tape.

American-born Kubrick, 70, who settled in England in the 1960s, died at his Hertfordshire home, Childwickbury Manor, outside St Albans.

Kubrick made a series of critically received films during his 40-year career, including Spartacus, Lolita, Dr Strangelove, The Shining and Full Metal Jacket, about the

Vietnam war, released in 1987. He was best-known for his space epic 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange, banned in this country for more than 20 years, at his insistence. He was shocked by the copycat violence spawned by his adaptation of the Antho- in shock and devastated."

ny Burgess novel Tributes were led last night

by Michael Winner, his friend and fellow director, who described Kubrick as "one of the greatest geniuses since cinema evolved ... He was unique."

The film critic Barry Norman said: "He was incredibly meticulous in all his films. He was very prickly about criticism, but appreciative of people who liked his movies." Mark Batey, a spokesman for the British Film Institute, said: "This is a huge loss. He was one of the landmark directors of the century, who

helped to define cinema." Kubrick's long-awaited film, Eyes Wide Shut, is due for release this summer after more than two years in the making. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, the stars of the film, said: "He was like family to us and we are

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Cheap assistants replacing nurses

NATIONAL HEALTH Service By JEREMY LAURANCE trusts are cutting back on experienced nurses and replacing them with half-price healthcare assistants to save money, the Royal College of Nursing

The trend to "de-skilling" on hospital wards was putting patients at risk and was a short-sighted, false economy", Christine Hancock, general secretary of the college, said. Speaking on the eve of the

RCN's annual congress in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, which skilled staff nurses earning an average of £20,000 a year were being exchanged for healthcare assistants paid about £9,500 a year. "Hospitals providing a low ratio of registered nurses are not providing patients with adequate care," she

Last week, Mid-Staffordshire

Health Editor

Hospitals Trust announced that it was considering a proposal to remove all S-grade posts for skilled staff nurses on surgical wards and increase healthcare assistants to help to save £200,000 on the nursing budget.

The Princess Margaret Hos-pital in Swindon, Wiltshire, which is seeking cuts of £900,000 in its nursing budget, had planned to replace 44 senior staff nurses with healthcare assistants and is expected to draw 2.500 nurs-newly qualified nurses but now es over the week. Ms Hancock aims to make the savings in said there was evidence that "a more piecemeal fashion" according to the RCN.

Ms Hancock said that patients ran a higher risk of complications when the number of skilled nurses on a ward was cut. Studies from the United States showed that one extra hour of skilled nursing a day above the average cut the incidence of urinary infections,

pneumonia and other complications by up to 10 per cent.

The trend to cut back on skilled staff began among community and school nurses but had now spread to hospital staff. Healthcare assistants could provide comfort but could not bring the understanding to the task necessary to detect when things

were going wrong, she said. "Healthcare assistants can be extremely kindly and helpful to people who are very sick. But qualified nurses know what makes them sick and what makes them better and understand the changes that may make them acutely ill." Estimates of the overall

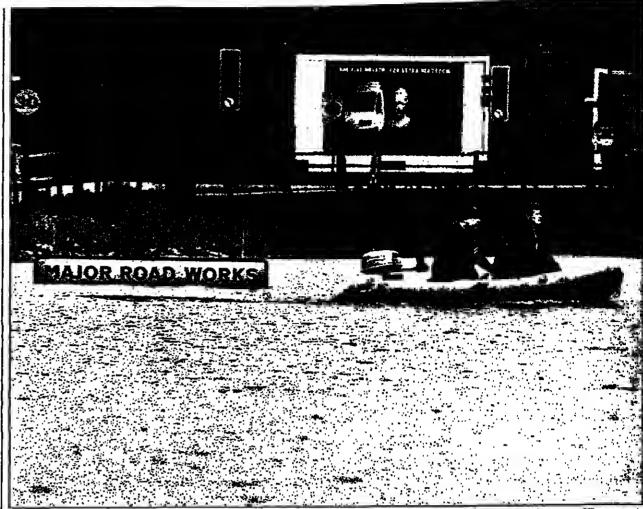
shortage of nurses in the NHS range from 8.500 by the Department of Health to 13,000 by the RCN. A £5m advertising campaign launched last month to encourage qualified nurses among the 140,000 who are not working to return to the NHS has triggered 40,000 requests

for information but it is under stood few of these have resulted in actual applications

Yesterday, Frank Dobson the Secretary of State for Health, announced an extra £5m to help trusts to provide retraining and extra facilities such as crèches to attract nurses back to the wards.

A Health Department spokesman said: "Healthcare assistants are a valuable resource and are a flexible way of supporting nurses but they are not there to replace them." ■ The future of the St John Ambulance service is under threat after a collapse in the number of people volunteering to work with the organisation.

The first aid charity has lost one-quarter of its adult membership in the past decade, and is launching a recruitment campaign today to reverse the decline after a 7 per cent fall in 1997 to 22,000, the last year for which figures are available.



London's North Circular Road yesterday, after a 60in water main burst, causing flooding 25ft deep. The worstaffected area, near the Hanger Lane gyratory system, was not expected to reopen until today Geoff Caddick

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W Midlands, Cent N & NW England, Lake Dist, isle of Man, N Willen: A lot of cloud with some drizzle on the hills but a few sunny breaks are also likely. A light and variable wind. Max temp 6-9C (43-48F).

SW & NW Scotland, Glasgow, W Islas: Decent sunny spells but breezy with the risk of a few sharp showers, including sleet and show in the highlands. A moderate northerly wind. Max temp S-BC (41-46F).

N Ireland: Some lengthy periods of sunshine, particularly this morning but do will gather bringing a scattering of showers, some of them heavy and wintry. A moderate northerly wind. Max temp 6-8C (43-46F).

fomorrow will see a lot of cloud again with rain edging into southern England, the best of any sunshine will be across western Scotland and Northern Ireland. The rain will push north overnight and on Wednesday bringing snow to northern tills before it turns much milder.

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COME RAIN OR SHINE...

SNOW SHOWERS caused problems across parts of Britain at the weekend - and weather forecasters predicted more snow, rain and sleet was on the way last night. Most of the snow fell in the

Pennines region. Dozens of motorists were caught out by sudden flurries in the early Flooding and snow caused

a number of sporting fixtures

in the Pennines area and in

Scotland to be postponed.

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Tories warn Hague to hit seats target

WILLIAM HAGUE has been BY ANDREW GRICE warned that the Conservative Party may fail to achieve its target of gaining 800 seats in local

authority elections in May. Mr Hague could face a leadership crisis if the party does the European Parliament elections, which follow in June. Close allies admit privately he is still "on probation" amid growing doubts in the party about his performance.

An internal party memorandum, seen by The Independent, admits the Tories have slipped in polls since last auturn, when they fixed a goal of gaining between 700 and 800 seats in council elections.

Stephen Gilbert, the party's director of field operations, warns that the Tories will do worse than this if the council results reflect the latest opinion

polls.
"We should be concerned that the results we would get based on these ratings are not as good as we thought we would achieve last October," he says evitably return to them many of in his memo to Michael Ancram. the Tory party chairman. "We need to be aware that

our chances of making the original 700 to 800 gains we believed to be a realistic target last October now looks tougher than we had anticipated. We need to be careful not to talk up our chances or we will face accusations of underachieving on

In the run-up to local polls in recent years, all parties have played down their prospects in

Political Editor the hope of winning favourable headlines after the results.

Labour is bracing itself for : heavy losses in May because in 1995 when the seats being fought this year were last contested.

An internal Labour report suggests the party could lose 1,700 of the 6,000 seats it is defending if there is a repeat of last year's local authority results. The losses would rise to 2,400 seats if trends in council by-elections are repeated in

The Tories dismiss Labour's predictions as "nonsense" and academics believe losses of. about 1,000 seats are more

But the Labour document says: "It is impossible for the Tories to do as badly as this [1995] again. A standstill from the 1988 local elections or even the general election would inthe seats and some of the councils which they lost in 1995."

Greg Cook, Labour's polling expert, warns that Labour-run Sheffield is "very vulnerable" to a challenge by the Liberal Democrats, who have also made progress in Bristol and Chesterfield. He says the Tories will be looking to gain Trafford, while Labour could lose its overall majority in Basildon, Exeter and Portsmouth, which could hecome hung

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Last autocrat of the movies leaves a rich legacy from his obsessive odyssey



STANLEY KUBRICK'S biographer Michael Ciment called him "one of the most demanding, most original and most viaionary film-makers of our time". The only superlative he omitted was, the most reclusive.

No one in the world of film disagreed with any of these assertioos yesterday as news spread of Kubrick's death just a week after his latest movie. Eyes Wide Shut - filmed 12 years after his last movie, Full Metal Jacket, and so long in gestation (two and a half years) that some forecast it would oever be completed - was finally finished and viewed by Warner Brothers.

"He was the last great artist of the cinema," said Frederic Raphael last night, who wrote the screenplay for Eyes Wide Shut, which will star Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise. Kubrick had triumphed over the "Hollywood money machine" to make the movies he had wanted to make, said Mr Raphael.

And to take as long as he wanted to make them. For Kubrick made just 10 feature films in 31 years. It was definitely a case of quality oot quantity. His films won him eight Oscars and 14 oominations. Four of them, Paths of Glory, Dr Strangelove, 2001: A work Orange are judged by his peers as among the best in the

It was doubtful, said Mr Raphael, that anyone would again have the "will, authority and nerve" to make the stand that Kubrick, the doctor's soo from the Bronx, had made for art against commercialism.

The film critic Alexander Walker, who wrote a book oo Kubrick and knew him for 30 years, said the man who also gave the world Lolita and The Shining was "the most original film-maker of his geoeration... and the most audacious."

every film he made seemed to speak for the times, and to say what ordinary people were feeling. An extraordinary feat for a man who lived in virtual isolatioo in England, so terrified of travel that he filmed Eyes Wide Shut at Pinewood Studios, because it was just a short drive from his manor house in St Albans, Hertfordshire. Even so, getting to the studios could be a torturous process. For his driver was oot allowed to travel faster than 30mph.

Mr Walker said it was amazing that Kubrick had managed to complete his last work. His death, however, had still robbed him of the chance to make the legendary Kubrick revisions, which recognised oo end.

For he was never really done with a movie. "He was an utter perfectionist," said Mr Walker. "He would alter the movie even after it opened, tightening a little here or there. Only Stanley Kubrick would be allowed to do that after release."

Only Stanley Kubrick would have been allowed to get away with many things. Many thought of him as paranoid and a megalomaniac, and the signs are all there in the man idolised by other film-makers Steven Spielberg.

The reclusiveness was real. When George Lucas or Speilberg came to London they dined more with Kubrick. But otherwise he shit." tended to shun company. And his obsessive search

for perfection made him a control freak oo the set. He was very, very tough on actors. Another biographer, John Baxter, tioned skill but they only ever worked for him coce.

One musical director condemned Kubrick as either "an enslaver or just totally in-











Knbrick made the movies he wanted to, at his own pace - just 10 feature films in 31 years, including (clockwise from bottom left) 'Paths of Glory', 'Lolita', '2001: A space odyssey', 'Spartacus', 'A Clockwork Orange' and 'The Shining'

Kirk Douglas, who starred in through the same horror Per-Kuhrick's Sportacus, called fection was taken to its limits. him "a cold bastard" and even with sometimes 100 takes for more memorably a "taleoted just one scene. No themes seem

And Malcolm McDowell, the star of A Clockwork Orange, claimed he was traumatised for years after making it. McDowell would not allow him genius status because of his "lack of said that actors were drawn to humanity". "Extraordinary, yes. Brilliant, yes," he said. "But as a human being - that's a test he doesn't do well." Critics claim there is a coldness to

If Kubrick put actors through

to link his films. All they seem to share is his deep desire to make the best movie in a given genre. Mr Raphael suggests that real artists can be forgiven for not being nice. "You take real artists as they come," he said last night. Whatever Kidman and Cruise made of their work experience with Kubrick they are yet to fully reveal. But they now have the distinction of starring in the master's final offering. The

hell, he was undoubtedly going States on 16 July. Mr Walker said that almost sensitive". Screen tough guy Master of film-making who kept the money men at bay

THERE HAD been rumours in the past couple of years that Stanley Kubrick was ill; and eveo that his organism might he housing the error that would eliminate him.

That is a Kubrickian way of putting it, oot a bad joke; he saw human beings and our social groupings as machines or games in which some mad rule might carry the system out of control. But if you waited long enough you could hear nearly any rumour or story about Stanley Kubrick.

His saying so little about himself only urged the rest of us into speculation. Did he intend that? Was it even his most personal way of transmitting story to the world? Or was he just a very shy, guarded, not to say obsessive and paradoid figure who hardly trusted himself to speak?

He meant everything to the world of film, not least because, in times when great films are few and far between, he was in possession of a new work, Eyes Wide Shut, that might count among his greatest, and most controversial.

For this time, Kubrick was taking on maybe the human being's most passionate and essential "error" - sex. If there was anyone oot counting the days to the announced July opening of Eyes Wide Shut, wondering with true cu-



THOMSON

riosity and every lewd anticipation, how much the film would reveal of Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, there is now added this great mystery: was the film finished; or did he die with some last questions, cuts or marvels of sound as yet undecided?

There will be time for critics and historians to dispute whether Kubrick was a boy wonder, a master, a genius, a wizard manipulator, or a great artist, the same sort of debate over Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Welles.

However one elects to answer the question, Kubrick on heing the maker and master of his films. Whether he liked or wanted it or not, he became known as the epitome of single-minded dedication, of the search for perfectionism. having everyooe do it all over and over again, until he was tentious and helplessly

satisfied with the result. If he infatuated with machinery. was ever satisfied. As such, he made large

films - huge subjects, with oew techniques, enormous hudgets and seemingly indefinite schedules. He came to Britain from own need to consider space. America in the late Fifties, in

part because of dismay at

America, because he might be hidden in the countryside north of London, and also because the maker of 2001 was afraid of flying. But the decision had another result - Kubrick was thousands of miles from Warner Brothers, his invariable source of funding, unwilling to

tell it what he was doing or

why, or what progress he was making, but so sure of himself that he defied it oot to keep paying the bills. The real wonder by in the fact that no Kubrick film had made real money since the Sixties. Yet no one had the

courage to raise doubts. It was easy to argue with some of Kubrick's films: Full Metal Jacket seemed brokeo from a very early age insisted on the decision to shoot in Britain, and on its limited view of military dehumanisation; the prettiness of much of Barry Lyndon hardly seemed commensurate with the passing of its hours; even 2001 can be regarded as empty, pre-

But Kubrick saw our time and he may have intended doodling introspection. Never mind: oo film so marked our

tricate and self-sufficient as The Killing; some as vast, infinite and gloomy about creative enterprise as The Shiring. Some were simply as clever and droll as Lolito, Dr Strangelove or A Clockwork Orange, films that did the impossible and managed to present underground anxieties we were supposed to keep in

No director knew more about photography, lenses and film emulsion. Others argued that an other great director was so little interested in people. But perhaps that is the way the world and our discourse are moving.

In many ways, I hope not Yet in others, I wooder whether Stanley Kubrick wasn't part of the new advance guard, remorselessly moving towards the soul of a machine. Will Eyes Wide Shut have final answers? Hit is true to its maker, and if he knew it was his last testameot, it will have questions that will make

LIFE IN FILMS

1955 Killer's Kiss. The first major feature. A prizefighter risks death to rescue lover from her gangster boyfriend. 1955 Fear and Desire. Kubrick produced, directed, photographed and edited lowbudget war drama. 1955 The Killing. Sterling Hayden starred

in classic heist movie in which \$2m is

stolen from a racetrack; the device of narrating the same events by different characters inspired Reservoir Dogs. 1957 Paths of Glory. First of Kubrick's great anti-war movies. Kirk Douglas starred in story of three soldiers court-martialled for cowardice amid the incompetence of senior officers. 1958 Spartacus, Douglas again in the story of a slave revolt in ancient Rome. Kubrick was brought in as a hired hand

by Douglas but effectively took over. 1962 Lolito. Based on Vladimir Nabokov's tale of obsession with a young girl, Kubrick had to film with the American censors breathing down his neck. James Mason brilliant as Humbert 1964 Dr Strangelove. A satire on the

madness of nuclear war, with Peter Sellers in three roles, ending with Slim Pickens on an atomic bomb dropping into Armageddon and Vera Lynn singing "We'll 1968 2001: A Space Odyssey. Arguably

Kubrick's most famous and best film. Based on the Arthur C Clarke story, the cut from apes to space stations circling the earth is a great cinematic moment. 1971 A Clockwork Orange. Based on Anthony Burgess's novel, the tale of a gang of violent young men, led by Malcolm McDowell, was withdrawn by Kubrick after it allegedly Inspired copycat attacks. 1975 Borry Lyndon. An adaptation of

Thackeray's novel. It was a technical marvel (some of it was shot by candlelight) as well as being stupefyingly dull. 1980 The Shining. His adaptation of Stephen King's novel was panned, despite an astonishing performance from Jack Nichoison. Subsequently halled as a 1985 Full Metal Jocket. A harrowing tale

of Vietnam, partly shot in a disused gasworks in east London. Kubrick had to import dozens of palm trees. 1999 Eyes Wide Shut. Kubrick had obsession with Tom Cruise and Nicole

finished shooting this tale of sexual Kidman but was still involved in postproduction. Due for release this summer and now his epitaph. Will it live up to Its



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Soldiers recruited by violent far-right

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

THEY NUMBER probably no more than three dozen yet they are considered too dangerous and extreme for most of Britain's far right.

Combat 18, a collection of skinhead tattooed racists, remain influeotial beyond their size. Yesterday it was disclosed that membership had spread to include soldiers in some of Britain's élite regiments. Two soldiers were among more than a dozen individuals whose homes were raided after a yearlong investigation into the activities of neo-Nazis.

The operation, co-ordinated by MI5, the Special Branch and military police, resulted in raids at up to 14 addresses, including properties in London, Humberside, South Wales, Lancashire and Merseyside.

Three people, arrested deciding the BNP lead under the Public Order Act of had become too "soft". 1986, which relates to stirring up racial hatred, have been bailed pending further investigations. None has been charged. "A number of warrants were executed to seek material including CDs and publications," said the Metropolitan

It was reported that the soldiers whose homes were raided served with The Parachute Regiment and the King's Regiment. The first is said to be a private who did tours of duty in Northern Ireland and Bosnia; the second is a private serving in the North-west.

The investigation followed an internal inquiry by the Ministry of Defeoce, which last year Identified 12 serving soldiers as supporters of the Combat 18 group. The MoD refused to confirm details, saying: "Two individuals from different units are among those whose homes





Combat 18 achieved notoriety for the racism and violence of its members. Apparently taking its name from the locatioo in the alphabet of Adolf. Hitler's initials, it was originally linked to the British National Party (BNP), providing "secu-rity" at its events. It broke away in the early Nineties after deciding the BNP leadership

An insight into the organisation's perspective came last year, when the Combat 18 leader and founder, Paul "Charlie" Sargent, was jailed for life after he and a benchman, Martin Cross, killed a fellow member during an internal feud. Chelmsford Crown Court was told by a pathologist that the 22cm stab wound to Christo-

National Front (NF) -

Best-known of UK fascist

of far-right groups during

British National Party

(BNP) - Founded 1992 by

ex-NF leader John Tyndall.

Its 600 members make It

largest UK racist party.

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In the UK

the 1970s.

pher Castle's heart and lungs would have required "considfirst highlighted the presence erable force". The court was of Combat 18 supporters in the British Army. also told that after the "execution" Cross referred to Mr Cas-

tle as a "casualty of war". they are not going to win soci-Since then Combat 18 has adopted a lower profile, happy to operate with a smaller membership than ever. "To some extent they have been ostracised by other member of the far right, who are fed up with their violence," said Nick Lowles. co-editor of Searchlight, the

NF, ND, and BNP all share

and have lost members to

anti-fascist magazine that terrorism." Links between the "They have accepted that

ety over but some are keen to go on to more extreme measures and try and imitate what has been happening in Northern Ireland. They are not a major organisation - they do not have many supporters but they have been arguing for a more violent strategy, including

paramilitary groups had been far right and loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland stretch back to the early Sevthe links, a former soldier from enties, though some observers Portadown, brought seven UVF say it has rarely been more than members to Wigan for a C18 casual contact. Combat 18 members regu-

larly turn up at loyalist rallies and a number joined an Apnrentice Boys of Londonderry march through Bolton in 1986. Mr Lowles said, however, that links between C18 and the

torial member from south-east London. The organisation publishes music by a range of UDA and the UVF loyalist racist skinhead groups includ-

> clings to leadership of a party intent on modernising.

strengthened recently. In Oc-

tober the man responsible for

Such concerts and music

sales are a lucrative source of

income for C18, now headed by

a former Royal Marines Terri-

In Germany From 1990 to 1993 a wave of fascist violence resulted in the death of 75 people as neo-Nazis exploited

reunification. The Germans have also been embarrassed by links between neo-Nazis and the army.

Balloon **Britons** ditch in **Pacific**

BY LINDSAY BARNES

THE EVEREST of aviation records remains intact. The attempt by two Britons to circomnavigate the world by hotair balloon ended early yesterday with snow pouring over the capsule as it ditched into the Pacific Ocean 50 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Pilots Andy Eison and Colin Prescot were safe and well despite aborting their flight after successfully circumventing China. They have set an unofficial world flight endurance record of 17 days, 18 hours and 25 minutes

Mr Elson, 45, of Wells, Somerset, and Mr Prescot, 48, of Stockbridge, Hampshire, had gone 12,200 miles - more than two thirds of their intended course around the globe - since leaving Almeria in southern

In December, Richard Branson aborted his bid in bad weather after deviating from his prescribed course across China, leading to a Peking ban on British-registered balloons over their airspace. As a result Mr Elson and Mr Prescot were forced to track the south of China on a course slower and more complicated to navigate

They were compelled to land after cloudy weather meant solar batteries that operated the kerosene burners would run down. "We had to go up through the cloud to charge batteries and on the way up we accu-mulated an awful lot of snow

Speaking by satellite from that they are heavily linked to the Japanese Self Defence football hooligans," an intelli-Forces' base in Hamamatsu, Mr Prescot described how he gence source said yesterday. "Of course there are some who screamed himself hoarse with instructions to Mr Elson, who ated. The last time we saw a sat on the roof of the capsule to large number of them getting guide them down. The two men involved was when they disrupted the 1996 England versus minute in the water by a Japan-

Ireland match in Dublin." C18 may have adopted a lower profile, though campaigners believe it is no less dangerous. There are a lot of people who believe they are preparing

ing No Remorse, Celtic Warrior

and Razors Edge. The pub-

lishing business, operated - at

least until recently-from South

Wales, has provided the or-

ganisation with money to fund

its newsletters and magazines

C18 may have a hardcore

membership of no more than 40

members, with up to 80 or 90

It is always being written

get involved but it is exagger-

to do something quite serious."

one said yesterday.

such as Strikeforce.

special events

Spain on 17 February.

others who will be called on for and ice on the balloon," said Mr

were rescued after less than a ese military helicopter. "I don't think we have failed,"

Mr Elson said. "We have just found another way that doesn't work. Maybe one of the lessons is that, without the co-operation of the Chinese; it is not possible [to fly via] the northern



The newsletter (left) of the No Remorse band, whose music C18 publishes. C18 members are shown (right) in a photo from the newsletter

National Democrats C18, which favours violence In Austria (ND) - The far right is riven and "terrorist" activities. Freedom Movement got 27 Openly Nazi, the group by factionalism. After a per cent of vote in 1996 Eudecision to rename the NF encourages members to ropean election, giving it six the National Democrats in MEPs. Leader Joerg Haider attack racial and sexual 1995 some members stayed minorities. has praised Hitler's loyal to the old name, employment policies. others became the ND, Blood and Honour -Music-based non-member-In France Combat 18 (C18) - The

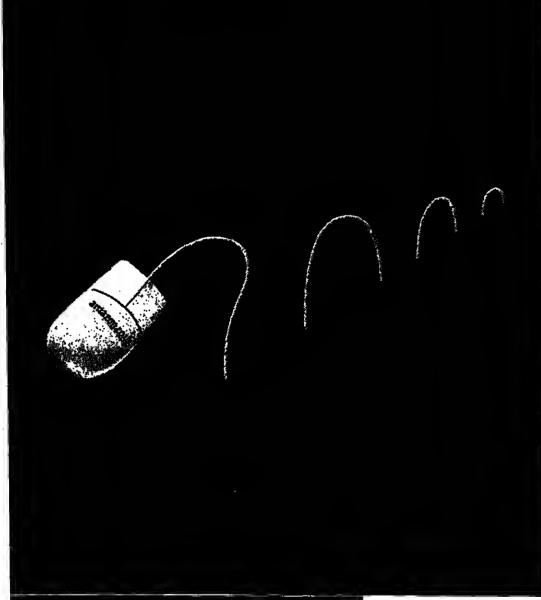
A Who's Who Of Neo-Nazi Groups

ship organisation, aiming to unite Nazi skinheads in the UK and across Europe.

Splits have weakened Jean-Marie Le Pen's Front

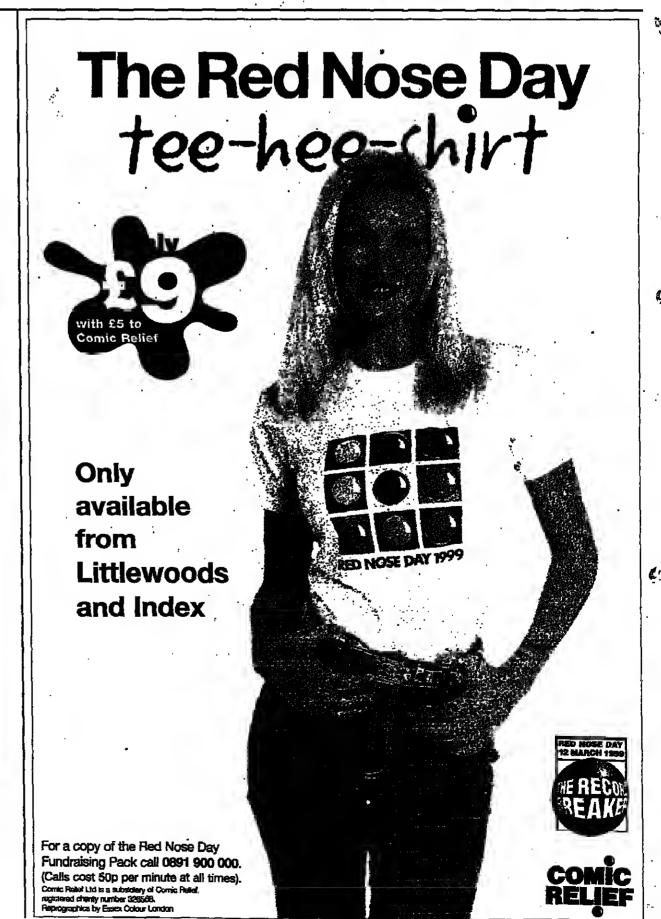
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GM row: Science minister with food business links met US corporation while playing role in biotechnology policy



LORD SAINSBURY, the science minister, with family husiness Science Editor

interests in genetically modified (GM) food, met senior officials from Monsanto, the American GM giant, while playing a key role in government discussions on hiotechnology.

Lord Sainsbury of Turville held a confidential discussion with three Monsanto executives in his private office at the Department of Trade and Industry on 14 December, three weeks after he attended the first meeting of the Cabinet's Ministerial Group on Biotechnology and Genetic Modification - known as Misc 6.

His meeting with Monsanto, attended by civil servants, raises fresh concerns about the extent of his role in dealing with GM issues within government and the potential conflict with

his private business interests. The day after the Monsanto meeting, Lord Sainsbury chaired a government-sponsored hiotechnology seminar with consumer associations, environmentalists such as Friends of the Earth, and one of the Monsanto offi-

cials he had met the day before. John Redwood, the opposition spokesman on trade and industry, last night accused Lord Sainsbury of being misleading over his role in government discussions on GM issues and has called on him to resign.

"Lord Sainsbury promised us that he has had nothing to do with GM food in government, so I don't see why he is having a meeting with

date - the day before the 15 December meeting which he chaired," Mr Redwood said.

shareholder and investor in GM companies, had made it clear in some of his statements that because of that he has nothing to do with GM food issues in government," he said.

"Lord Sainsbury, who is a

"We now learn he has had a meeting with Monsanto. So what I want to know from Lord Sainsbury is which story is he going to stick to?"

A statement from the DTI said: "Lord Sainsbury meets numerous companies and other non-governmental organisations in his capacity as Science minister. Last year he agreed to meet Monsanto, at their remest to discuss issues relating to research and de-

velopment in the biosciences. At the 14 December meeting, Lord Sainshury met Ann Foster, Monsanto's director of public and government affairs in the UK, Hugh Grant, president of the company's agricultural division in St Louis Missouri, and Robert Horsch,

general manager of Agrace-

tus, a GM research company

owned by Monsanto. Dr Horsch is one of Monsanto's leading scientists in genetically modified plants and is named on the company's patents controlling the use of herbicide-resistant crops.

Ms Foster said the meeting with Lord Sainsbury included a discussion on GM crops and food, "It's perfectly normal for companies, it's perfectly normal for interested parties to meet ministers." Ms Foster said.

Consumers rushing for organic food

THE CONTROVERSY over genetically modified food has led Environment Corresponde to an unprecedented surge in the sale of organic food, The In-

dependent has found. A survey of major retailers shows that two of the country's leading supermarkets - Tesco and Asda - recorded a 20 per cent increase in February sales, compared with January.

Tesco's organic food buyer, Andrew Sellick, said: "The upsurge was nothing short of phenomenal, and it is the awareness of the GM issue which has pushed the sales."

Sainsbury's organic sales were worth £6.7m last month. compared with £5.8m in January, a 15.5 per cent rise.

Marks & Spencer, a mediumsmall number of organic frozen foods, had a 42 per cent in-

and cereals are grown without extra sales surge was caused by pesticides or artificial fertilisers the GM controversy. - natural methods such as crop rotation take their place - while livestock and poultry are raised without intensive farming techniques. All organic food is guaranteed non-genetically modified Farmers must spend Sainsbury, Safeway, Waitrose two years converting their land and Boots, had its best month before it can be organically certified.

Organic carrots or apples do not look as perfect and regular as the products of large-scale agribusiness. Production techniques are also more laborious and the costs greater.

ganic food sold in Britain has to per cent of farmland here is orthan 2,000 farmers. Germany, around with its food." Austria, Sweden and Denmark cent by next year.

Overall the market is grow-

Environment Correspondent

ing at 40 per cent a year. Tesco. Britain's largest food retailer with more than 15 per cent of the UK grocery market, has more than 200 organic lines

from potatoes to yoghurt. The company sold £35m of organic food in the 12 months to 1 March, more than double the amount in the previous year. In the next 12 months Tesco says it will sell produce worth £100m.

UK sales of organic food as whole have risen from under £100m annually in 1993 to £260m in 1997 and about £400m last year. The £1bn barrier could be broken next year, acsized food retailer said its in- cording to Simon Brenman, crease was "more than 100 per 'manager of producer services cent." Iceland, which has a for the Soil Association, the principal organic food and farming pressure groop.

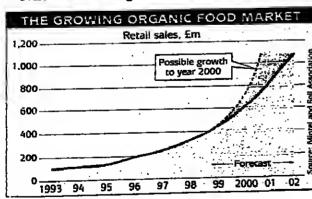
Senior food industry figures Organic vegetables, fruits said February's remarkable

One of the most striking instances of sales growth last month was in organic baby food. Baby Organix, Britain's only organic babyfood manufacturer, which supplies Tesco, in February: its sales were 24 per cent higher than the month before.

"I know this is down to the GM controversy," said the company's founder and managing director, Lizzie Vann.

"People feel they won't com-Seventy per cent of the or- promise with their babies. If a woman's pregnant and she's be imported. Less than one giveo up drinking and smoking, when she gets the baby she's ganically managed, by fewer not going to start fooling

Calls to the company's freeare all aiming to have 10 per fone belpline jumped from 300 a week at the start of February to 800 a week now.



Broadcaster has plastic surgery

THE BROADCASTER Sheena McDonald has had plastic surgery to her face after being knocked unconscious by a police van on an emergency

call nine days ago. A spokeswoman for University College Hospital, London, said yesterday: "She had claimed that it pulled out and plastic surgery to her face on Friday and recovered well from the anaesthetic. She remains in intensive care but her condition is stable and she

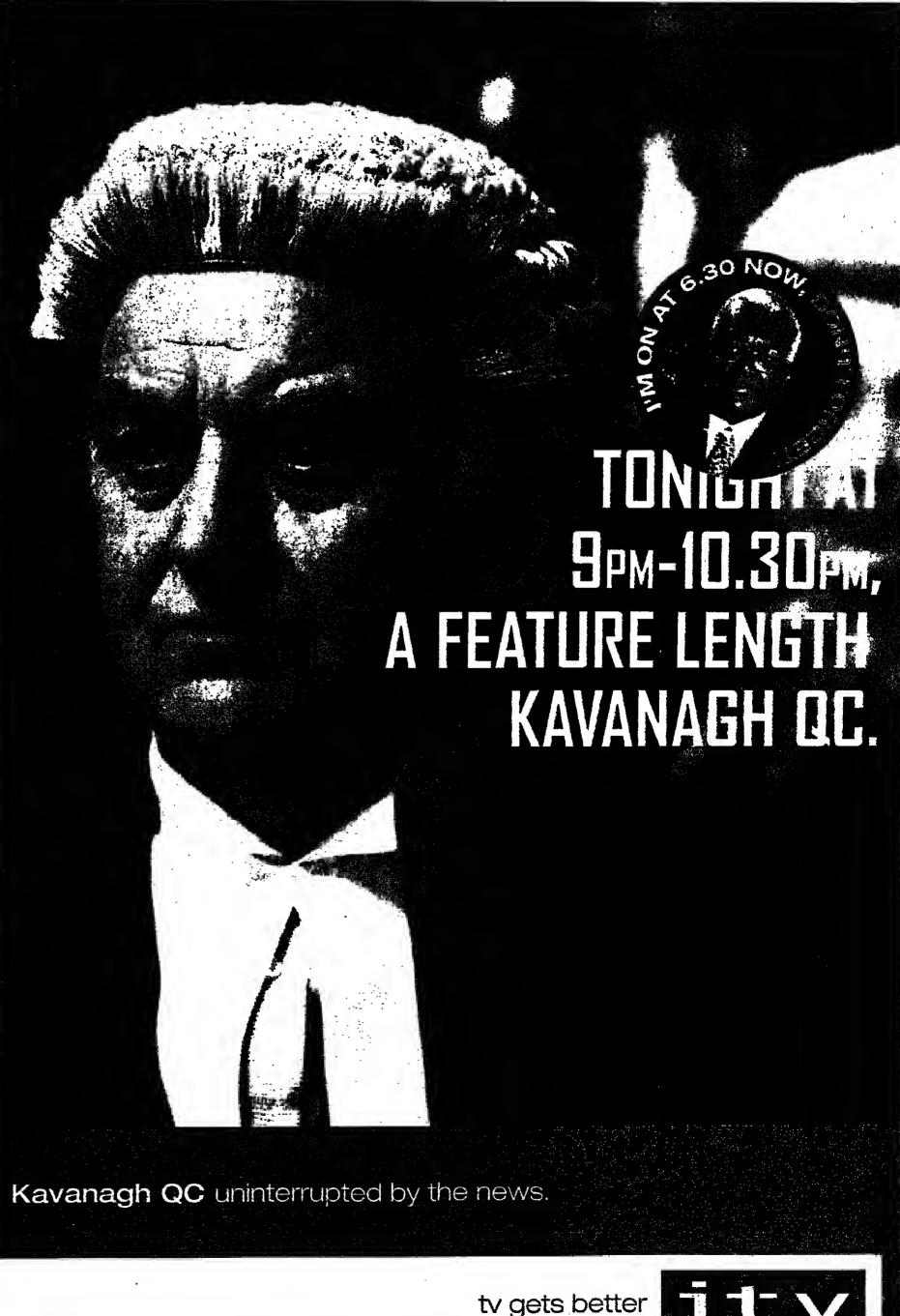
is improving." serious head injuries in the as is routine.

BY TIM MOYNTHAN

accident in Islington, north

Police declined to comment yesterday on reports that the police van was travelling on the overtook a line of stationary cars queuing at a red traffic

A 27-year-old police constable has been suspended from driving duty since the incident Ms McDonald, 44, received and an investigation launched,







Four generations murdered in their sleep as arson comes to the suburbs



BY KATHY MARKS

THE MIDDLE-AGED woman stooped down and gently laid a bunch of white carnations in the front yard of what was, until 48 hours ago, a family home. Her husband looked up at the charred brickwork and the hoarded-up windows, and shook his head in disbelief.

Friends and relatives were at a complete loss yesterday as to the motive behind an arson attack that killed four generations of the Day family - seven people in all - at their terraced house in Chingford, north-east London, early on Saturday.

"As far as I know, they didn't have an enemy in the world," said Chantelle Anderson, a family friend who had come to pay her respects. "There were no feuds or rows going on with them. I can't think of a reason why anyone would do something so terrible."

The victims - Sandra Day, 51, her son Lee, 20, his four-yearold twin daughters, Madison and Rhiannan, his two-year-old son, Rhys, Mrs Day's 75-yearold mother, Kathleen, and a 16year-old believed to be Lee Day's girlfriend - all died of smoke inhalation.

Yesterday, as formal identifications were carried out and post-mortem examinations finished at East Harn mortuary in east London, detectives inter-



tacked. The seven deaths are

being treated as murder. At Highams Park Baptist Church, a few hundred yards from the house, prayers were said for the victims yesterday. The minister, the Rev Hugh Doyle, said after the morning service that his congregation

was stunned by the deaths. "There is a deep sense of anger and incomprehension that something like this could viewed friends and relatives in happen, especially around an attempt to find possible rea- here," he said, "It is a very quiet sons for the family being at- community, a very safe

community." Mr Doyle, who is through the house at about flection and prayer with other churches next Sunday, said: "It is as if a terrorist attack has has produced the same massive loss of life."

probably poured through the letter-box of the three-storey house, where the family had lived for more than 10 years. A red plastic petrol canister has been removed from the scene. The fire, which swent

planning a special service of re- 1am on Saturday, destroying the roof and most of the internal floors, was described by police as "a horrific attack on innobeen carried out on a shop. It cents". They are planning a second forensic search today.

Mrs Day's husband, Brian, 52, was the sole survivor. He Police believe petrol was managed to clamber down a ladder placed against a firstfloor bedroom window by peighbours and was treated at Whipps Cross Hospital for burns to his hands. The three children, who

were trapped inside with the other adults, lived with Lee Day's separated wife, according to friends, but often spent weekends with their father.

The alarm was raised by the family's next-door neighbour, Lisa Lewis, who was woken by the sound of screaming. She called the fire hrigade and alerted another neighbour; a window cleaner, who took his ladders to the house. Miss Lewis, 25, said: "It was

terrible. I could hear the kids coughing and crying, but there

was nothing I could do. There was no way anyone could get in . there." With flames roaring from the roof and windows, neighbours tried in vain to kick down the front door. Miss Lewis said that the children's mother then arrived and she heard her scream "Get my babies! Get my babies!". She collapsed and

was taken to hospital. There was a steady stream of visitors yesterday to the endof-terrace house in Bellamy Road, a cul-de-sac on a 1970s council estate. "They were a taken from us to heaven."

lovely family, all of them," said

one woman, her face contorted

with grief. "I just can't believe

that this has happened."

Neighbours, still stunned, stood in their front gardens, surveying the scene. Two teenage girls clung to each other in the rain, weeping. Visitors added to the growing pile of flowers; some left teddy bears in memory of the children who died. "You will always he remembered," read the note on one bouquet. "Seven angels

Bristol doctors to testify

BY ALLAN SMITH

THREE DOCTORS shamed in the Bristol heart babies scandal will give evidence to the £10m public inquiry opening shortly.

The surgeons James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana and Dr John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, were found guilty of serious professional misconduct by a General Medical Council inquiry. It investigated the higher-than-average death toll of babies having complex heart surgery at Bristol Royal Infirmary.

All three have been asked to give written witness statements to the inquiry ordered by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and due to open with public hearings in Bristol on 16 March. The four-strong panel will be chaired by Professor Ian Kennedy, a medical legal expert. Dr Steve Bolsin, an anaesthetist in the surgical team, whose concerns led to the GMC inquiry, will also appear.

The inquiry will hold public hearings in Bristol before moving to London. The hearings are expected to last into the summer of 2000.

Parents who lost children having heart surgery at the hospital in the 11 years to 1995 will be the first witnesses. The inquiry chairman has warned they face a "gruelling" time as they recount their experiences.

The inquiry will also investigate the retention of hearts and other organs - without parental knowledge or consent - of babies who died with complex heart conditions. About 2,000 operations are

being examined. The GMC inquiry ordered that Mr Wisheart and Dr Roylance be struck off, and banned Mr Dhasmana from operating on children for three years, although he was allowed to continue with adult cases.

It investigated 53 operations done by the two surgeons. Twenty-nine patients died and four were left with severe brain

Nearly 600,000 pages of evidence has been scanned into computers for the inquiry.

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Emergency mission ready to repair Hubble trouble

By STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

AN EMERCENCY mission is to be sent to repair the Hubble space telescope, which is in danger of shutting down sud-denly because of a wobble. Scientists at the American

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) have found that gyroscopes on the telescope, which normally provide its highly sensitive sense of balance, are faulty.

Only three of the Hubble's six gyros are working correctly and, if one more should fail, the instrument's flight computer would shut down the telescope, leading to the first important fault since the discovery of a defective mirror soon after it was launched in 1990.

Nasa is trying to reorganise the launch schedule of its space shuttles to repair the Hubble.



Only three of Hubble's six gyros are working correctly

Losing one of its star perform-ers would be a public relations

Dan Goldin, Nasa's administrator, has told the United States Congress that a "rapidresponse" mission to repair the Hubble in October is being considered.

"What we're concerned about is losing the scientific

data stream for a year or so." Dr Goldin said. A scheduled repair mission due to be launched next year could be brought forward to replace the defective

gyros, he said.

John Campbell, associate director for Hubble at Nasa's wasn't very smart to wait for faintest of distant objects.

working then with the shuttle folks to see if there wasn't a way to get there earlier."

Since the Hubble was launched it has provided breathtaking images of distant cosmological phenomena, such as the hirth and death of stars, exploding nebulae, and pictures of the oldest galaxies created soon after the Big Bang.
Because the telescope orbits

above the Earth's atmosphere it can take clearer images of objects that can barely be seen even with highest-powered ter-

restrial telescopes. However, the clarity depends on the telescope being able to keep its position with incredible accuracy, equivalent to holding a beam of light on a com on Earth. Repairing the six gyros Goddard Space Flight Center in Will ensure the Hubble contin-Greenbelt, Maryland, said: "It west to be able to focus on the

IN BRIEF

Man, 18, accused of knife murder A MAN of 18 was charged yesterday with the knife murder of Justin Martin, 24, who died in hospital after an attack in Northampton on Saturday. A woman aged 18 and a man aged 19, also from Northampton, have been charged with assisting an offender. A 17-year-old youth and two girls aged 15 and 16 were released without charge.

One in three want to work abroad

ONE IN three Britons would like to work abroad, with America, Australia and Spain the most popular countries, according to a new guide. However, people should be aware of the different cultures, the Royal Mail's global job guide warns. Australian employers are very direct but in China or Eastern Europe they try to avoid confrontation.

Youth in Lawrence case freed A YOUTH of 15 has been arrested and questioned about

the paint attack on the memorial plaque to the murdered black teenager Stephen Lawrence in Eltham, south-east London, a Scotland Yard spokeswoman said. The youth, said to be of mixed race and not known to the Lawrence family, was released pending further inquiries.

Three share £8.3m jackpot

THREE WINNERS shared Saturday's £8.3m National Lottery jackpot, each scooping £2,773,403, said Camelot. The numbers were 8, 37, 43, 32, 47, 33, bonus 45.

New E.coli case is suspected

ANOTHER PERSON was ad- BY MARIA BRESLIN mitted to hospital on Saturday night with suspected E coli food poisoning, health officials said.

There have been 20 confirmed cases in west Cumbria of patients affected by the potentially deadly 0157 strain. Another 11 people with symptoms are awaiting test results.

The North Cumbria Health Authority could not say whether the worst was over, as the infection has an incubation period of up to two weeks.

At West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven eight adults were being treated in an isolation unit, and three children were in individual rooms. With the exception of one elderly gentleman who has been described as 'poorly', all the other adults and children

are stable and are progressing well," said a health authority spokesman. "The three children at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle continue to receive kidney treatment but doctors ... are optimistic all three will make a full recovery." All the patients are believed to be from the Cockermouth and Brigham area.

The infection has been linked to a dairy in the area. Health officials are confident they found the source of the infection as quickly as possible. They believe there was a fault with a pasteurising unit, resulting in families drinking "raw" milk They seized milk for analysis and served the farmer with a prohibition notice.

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THE TWO most senior figures By DAVID MCKITTRICK in the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) divided on the issue of IRA arms decommissioning yesterday, with the party leader, David Trimble, predicting it would happen while his deputy said it would not.

The difference of opinion came as Mr Trimble and his deputy, John Taylor MP, prepare for a meeting on the subject this week with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein.

The divergence in analysis ises questions of whether the UUP is working to a firm strategy as it moves towards the important psychological deadline of 2 April, the first anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement

Although many political meetings are taking place in addition to the planned Trimble-Adams encounter, there is no sense of imminent breakthrough in the long-running decommissioning dispute. The general assumption is that the make-or-break negotiation will take place in the last week of March, after the return of party leaders from St Patrick's Day events in Washington.

Despite this likely timetable, Seamus Mallon of the nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party appealed for an injection of momentum into the process, telling BBC's Breakfast With Frost programme; "I Ireland Correspondent

serious it has become. I think we have got a matter of days rather than weeks left."

into a close relationship which

ended some time ago. As far

as my wife and I are con-

cerned this matter is now

The particular political sig-

nificance of this lies in the fact

that in June Mr Nicholson will

be seeking re-election as one

of Northern Ireland's three

European MPs. In doing so he

will be standing against the De-

mocratic Unionist Party leader,

the Rev Ian Paisley, who always

The party's anxiety is that

some of its traditionally con-

servative supporters will desert Mr Nicholson, thus

tops European polls.

finished."

Saying that the decommissioning issue had the potential to create a stalemate in the new Belfast Assembly and to prevent devolution taking place, Mr Mallon said he believed Sinn Fein had "room to move" on the question. He appealed to republicans and the UUP to move from what he described as "the two absolute positions".

His view to some extent chimed with the opinion expressed by Mr Trimble, who said in an interview: "My view is we will get decommissioning. We may have to wait in order to get it. I think republican leaders, in their hearts, know this is necessary."

Mr Taylor, by contrast, said in a separate interview that he did not believe the IRA would decommission. He added that support for the agreement had undoubtedly decreased among Unionists because the IRA had received benefits from it hut had given nothing in return. An additional worry for senior

party figures at the moment is the fact that the party's Euro-MP. Jim Nicholson, confirmed a claim that he had had an affair with a married woman. In a statement, Mr Nicholson

said: "What started as a normal don't think people realise how working relationship developed



boosting Mr Paisley's showing. | Monica Lewinsky arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday for her book tour

Lewinsky flies in to plug book

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE

MONICA LEWINSKY arrived in Britain last night to promote her authorised hiography, which details her affair with President Bill Clinton.

Amid a scrum of photographers at Heathrow airport, Miss Lewinsky was accompanied by several minders. She starts her promotional tour today with a book signing session at Harrods.

The book, Monica's Story. has been written by the British former journalist Andrew Morton, who was also the biographer of Diana. Princess of Wales. The initial print run is 100,000 - unheard of for a hardback,

In an interview with Time magazine Miss Lewinsky said she hoped the book would sell

"I'm going to be criticised for saying this," she said, "hut I want my book to do well. I need to have the means to take care of myself for the next few years. Therapy is not cheap.

Air rage victim sues tour firm

A FLIGHT attendant who was allegedly attacked by a passenger plans to sue the holiday company she worked for at the time.

Fiona Weir, 32, allegedly had airline Flying Colours.
a vodka bottle smashed over Mr Jenkins of solicitors Lee Airtours International flight to Malaga, Spain. on ready

In a statement released yesins, said: "Fiona did not feel that her future lay with Airtours and the elements of their handling of her case. "We are currently preparing a legal case against

bledon, south-west London, bas since begun a new job with the .

her bead as she tried to deal and Priestley, based in Leeds, appened last October on an build her life after the terrible trauma she has endured."

A spokeswoman for Airtours said yesterday: "We are pleased terday her solicitor, Iain Jenk- to see Fiona has sufficiently recovered to resume her flying career. We will do all we can to was disappointed with some of bring the matter to a satisfac-

A 37-year-old British man has been charged and bailed by Spanish authorities in connec-

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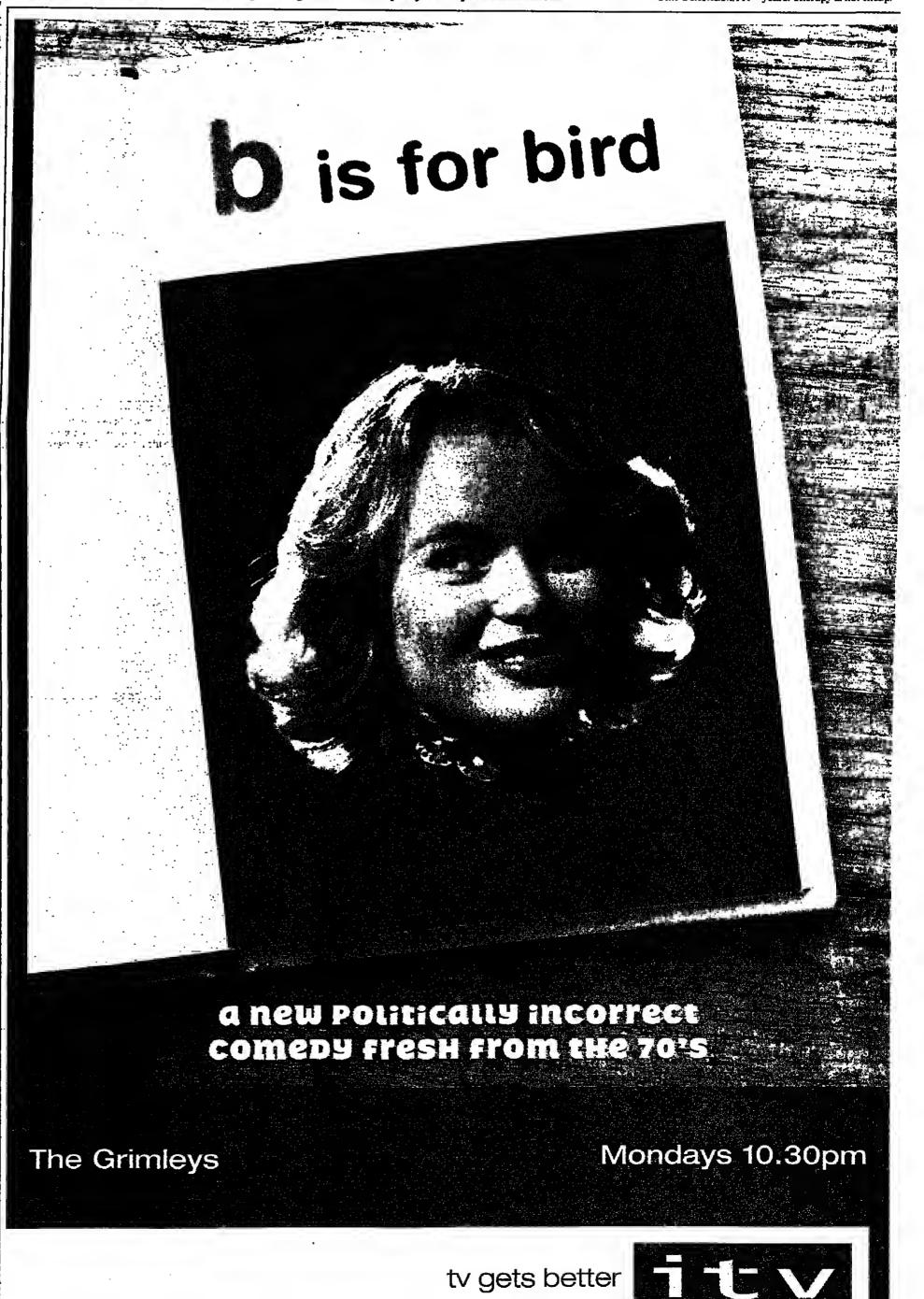
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Blair lacks courage, says Ashdown

PADDY ASHDOWN took his BY STEPHEN GOODWIN final conference bow as Liberal Democrat leader vesterday and warned his party against cutting its ties with Labour after he quits as leader.

The thorny issue of cooperating with the Government is expected to play a key role in the contest to elect his successor, which will start in the summer.

During his speech at the party's spring conference in Edinburgh, Mr Ashdown defended the closeness by claiming it allowed his party greater influence. "We cannot do that standing oo the touchline. We can only do it playing oo the field," he said.

More than at any time since the earliest years of this century the party could help to decide which path Britain took. He said Tony Blair had admitted the Liberal Democrats into co-operation on constitutional reform, where Labour is virtually following an agenda set by the Liberals decades ago, and on European commoo foreign and defence issues. However, though the co-operation message was clear from Mr Ashdown's text, he did not emphasise it in his delivery. Many of the 1,200 delScotland Correspondent

significance, preferring the emotion of the farewell performance.

During his speech he repeatedly derided the Government for its "lack of ambitioo". Mr Ashdown cut short the standing ovation after only a couple of minutes, slipping out of a side-door marked "Exit". He formally ceases to be leader on 9 August after the result of the ballot for a successor is declared.

Mr Ashdown also reminded the party that its goals of Scottish and Welsh assemblies. fairer votes and reform of the Lords were close to heing achieved. "We are embarked on a new voyage to a new political world," he said. But the Liberal Democrats' aims for education, a better health service and an era where government became servant rather than master would not be achieved unless the party had influence.

"The changes we have begun could lead to a more open, more tolerant more liberal Britain - or they could be just another brief fluttering of

holdness in those who lead us." By far the higgest applause during the 55-minute speech was for his call for fairer voting for Westminster. Noting that Mr Blair last Friday lauded PR for the Scottish Parliament elections as a "fairer system", he went on: Well, I say to the Prime Minister, if it's fairer for Scotland

system for the rest of us." Derisive of the Tories and Scottish nationalists, Mr Ashdown did not spare Mr Blair criticism, doubting his radical talk and condemning his being in thrall to media barons.

then it ought to be a fairer

"New Labour boasts that it roars like a lion. But far too frequently it squeaks like a mouse. I do not doubt New Labour's good intentions. But I despair at their lack of amhition. They tinker at the edges, but too little really changes. We may get smaller classes for five to seven-year-olds - but only by expanding them for eight to eleven-year-olds."

Mr Ashdown elevated the party's long-held commitment to raising income tax by 1p in the pound for investment in education into a condition for Liberal Democrat support in of ambition and a shortage of ion polls point to the party ow Budget today, it will



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May elections.
"If you're oot interested in investing more in education then doo't even bother to pick up the phone," he said. He confirmed that when Malcolm Bruce, the party's Treasury hope, quickly lost through lack the Scottish Parliament. Opin-spokesman, delivers his shad-

hy £4.75 a week. He will also advocate a graduated car tax. hitting the gas-guzziers but scrapping duty for any car of

1,600cc or under. Liberal Democrat leadership candidates have been paper. under strict instructions not to

pensions for the over-eighties around the conference bars at posts. "If everybody stands the weekeod was almost exclusively of the succession. peer confided.

Though at least eight

names were being discussed, there will probably be on more than four or five oo the ballot

we'll look bloody stupid," one As well as the favourite.

Charles Kennedy, the final line-up is expected to include anti-Labour pavement poli-The candidates will form tics; one of the modernisers, 28 June.

being kingmaker after the 6 include a promise to increase campaign openly. But talk alliances in exchange for top either Don Foster or Nick Harvey; and a sceptic of closer ties with new Labour, either Jackie Ballard or Dovid Rendel Nominations for the onemember-one-vote ballot will open on 11 June - one day Simon Hughes, a veteran of after the European Parliament elections - and close on

WHO NEXT COULD LEAD THE PARTY OF GLADSTONE, LLOYD GEORGE, THORPE AND STEEL?

Charles Kennedy Far enough ahead as the favourite that activists say they can almost smell the power passing when he enters a

Odds: 2-1

Simon Hughes The traditional liberal activist's choice. The MP for Southwark and Bermondsey

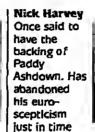
and a sniper at Ashdown's hall. Backed by party Lib-Labbery. Dropped out of grandees. With Scottish contest to be first elected Home Rule Imminent, being mayor of London. Has kept the MP for Ross, Skye and a low profile. Seen by many Inverness West may be his as too much the old Liberal biggest handicap. "pavement politican". Odds: 100-30

Most prominent of the pro-coalition with Labour candidates. fully signed up to what is called "the

rising party stars. Odds: 10-1



Project" and dreaming of seat in Tony Blair's Cahlnet. Teacher turned party education spokesman, he is expected to get the backing of young



for the contest. Defended his "Damascene conversion" saying the single currency had got off to a good start and Britain should be setting a date for entry. Odds: 5-1



Newbury byelection, he won plaudits in holding the seat at the general election. Opposing further slide to Labour, he has made a modest impact lately defending pensioners.
Odds: 10-1

Jackie Ballard Would be a favourite if she had more Westminster experience, Elected for Taunton in 1997, she is a

good media performer. A critic of close ties with Labour, has the in-vogue style of a no-nonsense fighting woman epicomised by Ann Widdecombe. Odds: 15-1

Malcolm Bruce Seen as very much an outsider but he is a verv experienced performer who event-

ually mastered his Treasury brief. As the MP for Gordon he suffers, like Charles Kennedy, from being a Scot, who is slightly adrift In the post Home Rule world. Odds: 20-1

Commons

Menzies Campbel Will not commit himself until after the 6 May elections. Popular in Scotland, the barrister MP would have

been a powerful figure in the Holyrood Parliament. However his age counts against him and the NE Fife MP's moment for glory has probably passed. Odds: 5-1

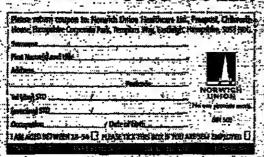
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Commons watchdogs to press for greater powers

THE CHAIRMEN of Commons By ANDREW GRICE select committees are to request greater powers to hold the Government to account amid concern that Labour has sought to "neuter" them since

taking office. A list of demands is being drawn up hy Labour MPs who chair key committees. They are appalled at mounting evidence that ministers are threatening the independence of the

Commons watchdogs. Yesterday Clare Short became the first cabinet minister to express concern at the controversy, which was sparked by disclosures that Rohin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, was sent advance copies of three reports of the party whips in choosing by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee.

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Asked oo BBC Radio 4 whether she was worried that the Government was seen as "arrogant", the Secretary of State for International Development replied: "I would be worried if that was the perception. It isn't the case and it mustn't be the case. Any sensible government must listen to Parliament and must listen to criticism in order to be a good

government." and who chairs them.

The Liaison Committee. which includes the chairmen of all the Commons watchdogs. wants to reduce the influence members of select committee

dence, the MPs want greater powers to question ministers about government policies and spending plans.

To reassert their indepen-

They also want to hold public hearings to vet people chosen by ministers for jobs such as heading a quango or joining the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee.

Yesterday Robert Sheldon. who chairs the Liaison Committee, warned ministers not to interfere in the MPs' work. He told GMTV's Sunday Programme he coodemned the practice of handing draft reports to ministers, as it allowed MPs to be "leant upon" before they agreed their final report.

"They must be free to come to their own conclusions and, if publication.

with that independence, that is a most serious matter." he said.

Mr Sheldon also expressed concern after it emerged yesterday that Lord Donoughue, an Agriculture minister, was leaked a list of questions before appearing before the European Scrutiny Committee.

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Tomorrow the Standards and Privileges Committee will investigate the three leaks to Mr Cook. Michael Howard, Conservative foreign affairs spokesman, dismissed Mr-Cook's claims that he did nothing with the draft report into the arms to Sierra Leone affair saying vesterday that he had used it to "get his retaliation in first" by hriefing the media before its

offer by Britain

OVERSEAS AID could be linked BY FRAN ABRAMS to disarmament in conflictridden countries under a radical new policy to be announced by Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development, tomorrow.

The change will mean British aid money being used to fund human rights training for soldiers in developing countries.

In a speech on how the elimination of poverty can be linked forces, Ms Short will set out a by wars. range of initiatives planned by her department, by the Foreign Office and by the Ministry of Defence.

Action to reduce the number of children fighting in wars will more consistent with developbe taken through the United Nations and other international bodies. Programmes will be set up to stop the proliferation of small arms, which are available in enormous numbers in

More human rights training disarmament.

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will be provided by the Department of International Development.

The department intends to ensure armies are fully under the control of civilian governments. It also wants to discourage excessive military spending as well as helping to support peace-keeping efforts to reform of military and police in countries that have been hit

> "It is the poor who are most vulnerable to being pushed around by ill-trained military and corrupt policemen. Getting security sectors to become ment is an important objective," one official said

The foreign affairs thinktank Saferworld welcomed the move but said other government departments might not be as keen as Ms Short's team oo

'Cash to disarm' | Pupils to be given shopping lessons

CHILDREN AS young as five BY JACKIE STORER could be given lessons to make them more discerning shoppers, the Government said yesterday. They would be taught to compare food prices, to understand labels and about their legal rights.

The Department of Trade and Industry is producing a "consumer strategy" that will look at the advice and information available to shoppers.

A spokeswoman said: "We are considering how to reach people of all ages and how they can get a better understanding of all the information available to them. This could be doce in a number of ways, including in lessons."

The Consumer Affairs minister, Kim Howells, told The Sunday Telegraph: "We want to prepare children for purchas- said: "There are no plans to ing and assessing what is a good buy.

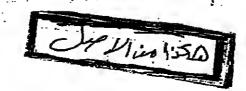
"Giving them information could help them make choices children for adult life."

about healthy eating and prepare them for buying pens "The way to get the best price and the best-quality good is by pushing up the quality consumer demand and bytroducing an outside element of

The idea is unlikely to ceive unconditional supplifrom teachers, who are already worried that their time is or loaded by the demands of the

national curriculum. A National Union of Teach ers spokesman said the idea was "terrific" but that it went outside the national curriculum "The problem is there are only 24 hours in a day," he added.

A Department for Education and Employment spokesus make these lessons part of the statutory curriculum but the might be useful in preparin



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Toxic dumps: official inquiry ordered



MINISTERS HAVE commissioned a study into reports that mothers living within two miles of toxic waste dumps are much more likely than normal to have babies with birth defects.

Research has found the apparent link between the defects and landfill sites where toxic waste is buried. Other studies have backed it up. The health and environment departments called experts to a meeting last month and a two-year project is being set up to identify the extent of the problem.

Community campaign groups say their areas have suffered higher-than-expected numbers of ailmeots such as heart defects and gastroschisis. where a child is born with intestines outside the body. They also complain of stomach upsets, asthma and sore throats. In some areas, groups say their lives are made a misery by flies and appalling smells.

There are 270 dumps licensed to bury toxic or "special" waste such as arsenic, cadmium or cyanide in the UK, and there are no rules to prevent them being sited near

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houses. The new study will be dooe by the Small Area Health Statistics Unit at Imperial College, London, and will also look at the incidence of cancer near landfill sites.

Environmental campaigners and opposition MPs say Labour has failed to implement a pre-election promise to give the public full access to inmation on pollution.

Matthew Taylor, the Liberal Democrat environment spokesman, introduced a "Right to Know" Bill in Parliament last week. Although it has no chance of success, he hopes it will test the government's

Mike Childs, senior pollutioo campaigner for Frieods of the Earth, said some community groups that raised the issue had not been taken seriously.

Lancet last summer by the London School of Hygiene and "It seems common sense that if you dump toxic waste in Tropical Medicine studied 21 a hole in the ground theo it's waste sites across the UK and going to cause problems," he Europe. It found a 33 per cent said. Communities do not even higher risk of defects including have the right to know what spina bifida, heart disease and

the United States found a 12 per cent higher chance of major hirth defects within a mile of a dump site. But other research done abroad has not supported the findings.

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Matthew Taylor: Tabled a

chemicals are being dumped in

A European directive ex-

pected to be finalised shortly

will ban disposal of hazardous

and non-hazardous waste on

A report published in The

'Right to Know' Bill

landfill sites."

the same sites.

Further studies near two sites in the Rhondda by the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff concluded more research was urgently needed. The college's team is now looking at whether women living near toxic landfill sites take

A spokeswoman for the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, which commissioned the oew study with the Department of Health, said the London research could not be applied here because British landfill sites were better engineered. The high incidence of abnormality could have other caus-

es, she suggested. "The research didn't actually conclude there was any problem," she said. "It just said there might be. In Europe they do not have as much regulation

Nearby homes infested with flies all year

DIANE TOMKINSON lives a mile from the Peckfield landfill site in Micklefield, West Yorkshre. When her daughter Bethany was a year old she was diagnosed with a heart murmur.

Bethany, now two and a half, does all the things other children do and the doctors hope her condition will right itself as she grows older. But she becomes breathless easily and her parents fear there may be a link between her illness and the

People in Micklefield have campaigned against the tip, saying it causes terrible smells and that their houses are full of flies, even in winter. They say the rubbish is piled so high it blocks the light from houses just yards away on the other side of a road.

'It's horrendous," Mrs Tomkinson said. 'It was only quite recently that I heard on the news about these problems. You can never prove it. hut it does make you wonder.

"I think in 10 or 15 years they will turn round and say they were wrong to put the tip

Mrs Tomkinson is expecting her second child in May, and so link. far there is no indication of any

Kerry Huntley spent the last three months before the birth of her first child wondering the tip to be closed.

By Fran Abrams

whether her daughter would

Cleo was born with gastroschisis, which was highlighted by a scan, and her intestines and stomach were outside her abdomen when she was delivered by Caesarean section a month early.

"We couldn't plan anything. I felt like I had something growing inside me but I couldn't bond," said Mrs Huntley. "She was six weeks in hospital before she came home and even then she only weighed five or six

Fortunately for the Huntleys, an operation to correct the defect was successful and Cleo is now a healthy seven-year-old.

Three years after the birth they heard that an unusually high number of children born near the Nant-y-Gwyddon landfill site near Tonypandy in the Rhondda Vaney, South Wales, had similar problems.

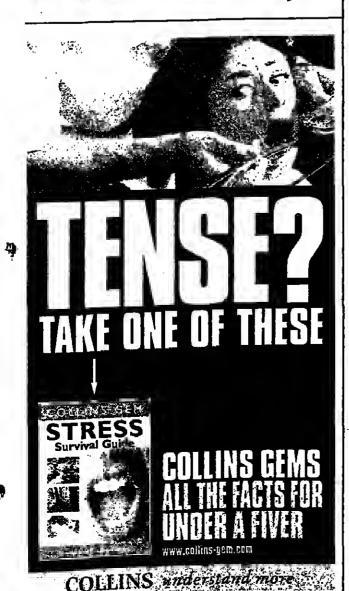
Although there is no proof that Cleo's ailment was caused by the site, just a quarter of a mile from the Huntleys' home, they suspect there might be a

Families in the area have complained that the smell from the site makes them nauseous, ~~d they are campaigning for

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BChina denies US nuclear 'spy' claim

THE STRAINED relations be- BY MARY DEJEVSKY tween the United States and China looked likely to deteriorate after US claims that China developed a miniaturised nuclear warhead from technology stolen from a secret American

The allegations elicited denials from Peking, calls for an investigation in Washington final con Democr and cautious admissions of shortcomings from senior US officials, who disclosed that cutting top-level inquiries were already after he in train. The chairman of the Senate intelligence committee. Richard Shelby, promised hear-

role in t the charges. Success According to The New York Times, a Chinese spy operating Duri at the Los Alamos ouclear weapoos laboratory in New F.dinbu Mexico in the Eighlies had stolen, among other secrets, a technological blueprint for the W-88, described as America's

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most advanced ouclear warhead. The espionage was detected, according to the oewspaper, only after the CIA analysed results of China's ouclear tests a decade later and found disturbing similarities.

The paper said that a suspect had been identified in 1996 and giveo a lie detector test last month, which he failed. But he was not arrested. According to vesterday's Washington Post. he is a Taiwan-born American who has worked on classified weapons designs at Los Alam-

os for almost two decades. The New York Times report suggests the Clintoo administration kept the case quiet so as not to derail Washington's objective of building a "strategic partnership" with Peking. Yesterday, the US National Secu-

curity problem" at the national nuclear laboratories dating from the mid-Eighties and admitted that the administration was too slow to address it. David Leavy, spokesman for the security council, said an investigation was in progress "to determine if there was criminal conduct and we continue to assess the implications for na-

tional security".

The Energy Secretary, Bill Richardson - whose department is responsible for Los Alamos - said that "major reforms were instituted in October 1998, a month after I came irr" to the post. This was, in fact, eight months after Mr Clinton had ordered tighter security at the laboratories.

Experts were divided yesterday about the import of the latest New York Times claims. While some described the aprity Adviser, Sandy Berger, parent theft of the W-88 tech-

acknowledged "a serious se-nology as a hlow to US security, others saw purely political interests in play at a time when suspicions between the US and China are mounting. Issues such as human rights and Taiwan are back on the agenda, and a visit to China last week by the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, brought oo new detente. China has been incensed over the possihility that the US could extend a nuclear "shield" to Taiwan

Peking protested yesterday that the spying charges were groundless and politically motivated. The Foreign Minister. Tang Jiaxuan, described the New York Times report as irresponsible and without basis. "There are some people," he said, "who want to stop the United States from exporting normal high-technology products to China. I think that this will not be beneficial to the interests of the United States."



Bush team set for tilt at White House

GEORGE W BUSH, by far the most likely Republican candidate for the White House in next year's election, was due to inveil the team that will spearhead his political preparations

Mr Bush had confirmed last week that he would form a Presidential Exploratory Committee. If he wins the Republican nomination then he will probably face Al Gore, the Vice-President and most likely Democratic candidate, in 2000.

Mr Bush, 52, is sometimes referred to as just "Dubva" to distinguish him from his father. the former president. He has become known as a highly successful Governor of Texas who was re-elected by a landslide last year. He calls himself a "compassionate conservative" to distinguish himself from the party's ideological right wing.

The evidence from his selection of advisers is that he is actively courting just about be to try to swing the every possible constituency in

J C Watts, the only black Republican in Congress, was expected to be on the team. Sowas Henry Bonilla, the first Republican Hispanic to be elect-

ed to Congress from Texas. Jennifer Dunn, a Republican of Washington state, was the first woman of either party to run for Majority Leader in the House of Representatives and was vice-chair of the House Republican Conference.

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Austin

Michigan Governor John Engler, and a Southerner, Republican Senator Paul Coverdale from Georgia.

Mr Bush spent much of the weekend speaking to the Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas's largest church and one of the biggest in the country: Securing the support of the religious right will be crucial. He has also been assisted by Ralph Reed, the highly influential former executive director of the Christian Coalition, in making connections in North Carolina. That is the home state of Elizabeth Dole, Mr Bush's chief opponeot for the Republican candidacy. Mr Bush's staff appointments, too, have been highly professional and are clearly well thought-out. They leave little doubt either that he will run, or that his strategy will party behind him.

Maria Cino, who ran the National Republican Congressional Committee when the Republicans captured control of the Congress in 1994, will be his political director. His chief strategist in Austin is Karl Rove, a Republican operative who was behind Mr Bush's landslide victory last year. His chief fund-raiser will be Don Evans, a Texan businessman who is charged with the task of raising \$25m (£15.6m) for the candidate in short order.

Judge hands out pop punishment

HE IS a hard man, is Judge Paul Sacco. You would not want to get caught playing music too loud in the Colorado town he calls home, because the judge might get mad. And when he

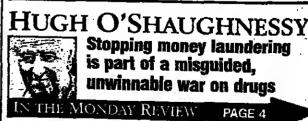
gets mad, he gets even. Judge Sacco makes noise offenders attend moothly sessions to play them some music of his own, and it is not music that a teenage tearaway wants to hear. There is "I'm going to leave Old Durham town", by the bearded English folkster Roger Whittaker, for instance, and Old Oak Tree" by the 70s combo

BY ANDREW MARSHALL

Tony Orlando and Dawn. Forthe real hardcore offenders, there are bagpipes.

It is aimed at youngsters who cruise the street with their car stereos at full blast. The treatment works, it appears. "I'm not going to jam no more," said David Mascarenas, 17. "I took my stereo out altogether. I don't

want to be hassled no more." The judge's own composi-tion, "I'm Sleeping in My Car", is in there, as are Dean Martin, Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Henry Maucini and John Denver. It does not sound like fun

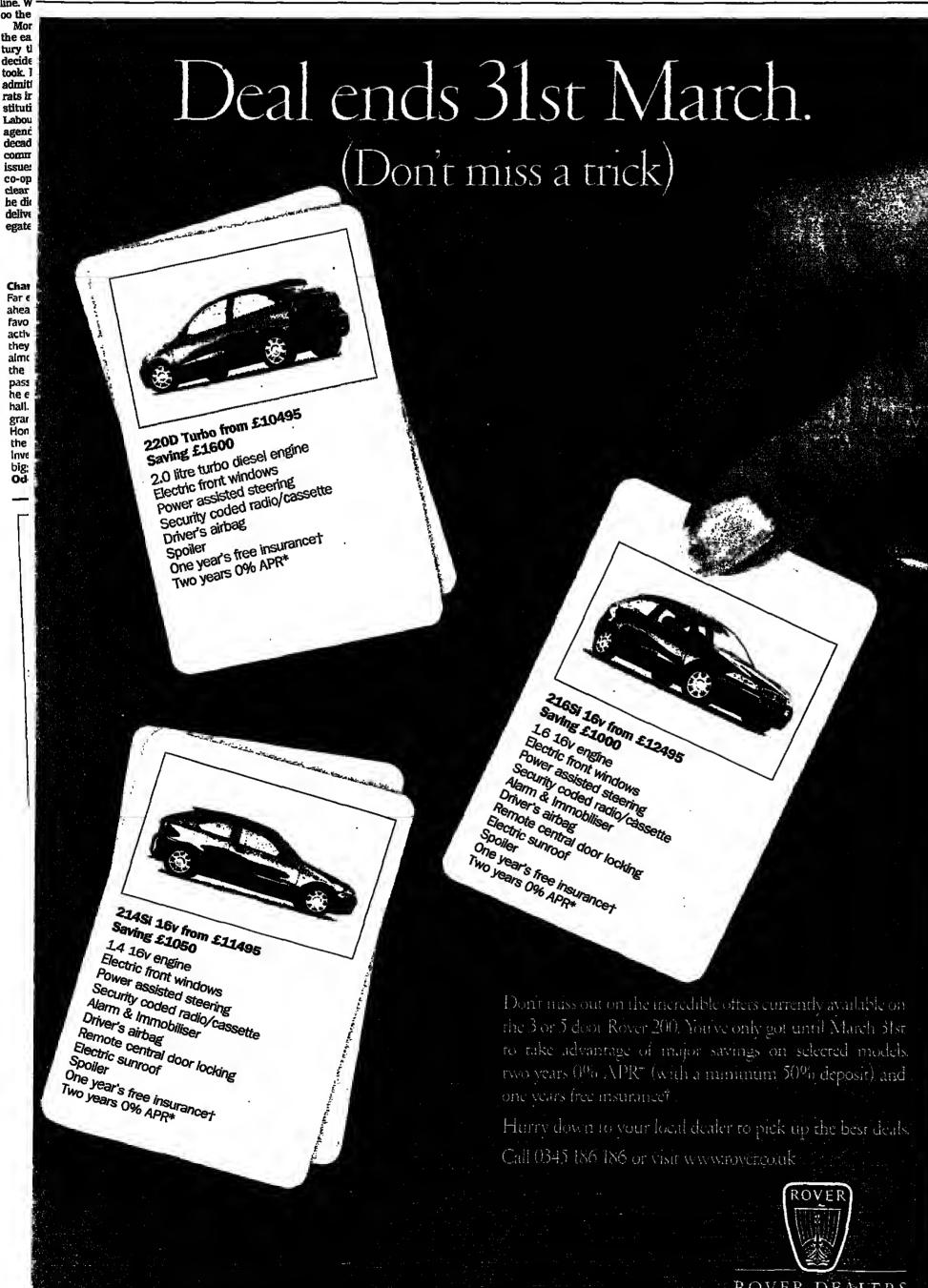




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Old colonial rivals aim for new co-operation

A BRITISH Foreign Secretary and a French Foreign Minister By RUPERT CORNWELL will this week host in Abidian an unprecedented meeting of envoys from the two countries, in a symbolic gesture designed to show that a new era of cooperation is replacing the long historical rivalry hetween Af a's two dominant former

About 10 ambassadors from each side, posted in countries during which they will meet the all over sub-Saharan Africa, respective leaders, Flight Lieu-

are expected to attend the Ivory Coast conference on

It will be hosted by Robin Cook and his counterpart Hnbert Vedrine, and will be the climax of a joint mission by the two men to Ghana and then Ivory Coast, former British and French colonies in West Africa,

Henri Bédié.

The initiative flows from last December's Anglo-French summit in St Malo, France, where Jacques Chirac and Tony Blair laid the foundation of what they intend to be a specifically European foreign policy and defence identity.

It will be built around cooperation between the EU's two most influential global powers, who are the only European

tenant Jerry Rawlings and nations with nuclear weapons. It could lead to greater aid

from the EU to Africa, and greater co-operation at individual embassies in African countries where either Britain or France is not represented even to the point of joint embassies in some countries.

The initiative meshes with efforts to boost links between the Commonwealth and la Francophonie, the association of French-speaking countries, scattered around the world.

Both countries also hope trade benefits will flow along the lines of a recent £130m contract won by the British TCI group for port development in Ivory Coast, traditionally the fiefdom

of French companies. Before teaming up with Mr Vedrine in Ghana, Mr Cook will spend two days in Nigeria. where he will meet Nigeria's president-elect, Olusegun

the elected President of Sierra to ensure that Ecomog, the Leone who is being kept in power only by the Nigerian-led

Ecomog force. The Foreign Secretary will be assuring Nigeria that the return of civilian rule will mean greater Western financial as-

In the case of Sierra Leone, source of so much embarrass- goes wrong then the whole ment to Mr Cook over the past continent will suffer," said one.

mostly former French colonies, Obasanjo and Tejan Kabbah, 12 months, he will be desperate one barrier against the savage Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels, does not pull out too quickly.

> British officials do not hide how much is riding on a successful transition to democracy by Nigeria. "If Nigeria can get it right, the rising water will lift all boats in the region. If it



Britain and US lose 'true team Gulf ally'

By ROBERT FISK Middle East Correspondent

FIRST KING Hussein of Jordan, then the Emir of Bahrain. Only 10 weeks into 1999 and the Grim Reaper is moving at Grim Reaper is moving at speed through the Middle East (Abdullah Ocalan could yet join his guests, but we must wait).

Sheikh Issa hin Salman al-Malifa of Bahrain died of a heart attack at 65 on Saturday, five minutes after a meeting with US Defense Secretary William Cohen - and the parallels with the late Plucky Little King of Jordan were hreathtaking. A friend of the West, a "true

ally of Britain" - this from the a heart attack, aged 65 BBC - a "very great friend ... a warm, generous spirit with a a further £6.5m of air-to-air Raytheon Co. USA).

The Sheikh was buried with- same time. in hours, his body wrapped in interred at the royal cemetery

His successor? For King Abdullah the Second of Jordan, military commander, Sandhurst cadet and US graduate. read the Emir Hamad of Bahrain, military commander, Sandhurst cadet (after the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot) and US graduate (US Army Command and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth,

Sheikh Hamad used to send

near you.



in the armoured cars against light in his eyes" - this from Mr Shla rioters in Bahrain, those Cohen who had minutes earli- who demanded a restoration of er persuaded the Emir to huy the democratic parliament that the late Sheikh Issa dissolved - missiles (profits to Hughes and . In 1975, suspending the constitution for good measure at the

> he used Britain as a dumping ground for his political prison-

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ame time.
Sheikh Issa regarded Britain in Bahrain. Indeed, the securi- Emir was not a wicked man. He democracy on Bahrain's 265 ther, Mr Cohen said, bad given paper of Iraq's ruling Baath a cotton shroud and 10,000 as an old friend - so much so ty pact between Bahrain and rarely employed capital pun-square miles of 35 tiny islands. "steady support for the efforts Party, al-Thawra, said yester-

ers - and thought so highly of our constabulary be appointed the sinister ex-Special Branch man Ian Henderson - a true Scot, who earned his colours "fighting" the Mau Man in Kenva - as his head of security (Henderson's torture chambers have entertained many a Bahraini Shia opponent).

And the Royal Navy was always welcome. The US Fifth Fleet was even more welcome: it was, after all, headquartered

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King Abdullah of Jordan (left) offered condolences to Bahrain's new Emir, Sheikh Hamad

Washington became one of the linch-pins of Bahrain's security as its American and British allies repeatedly warned the fun-loving Emir of the dangers of Iranian "fundamentalism" and then of aggression from Iraq (the Emir's - and our - old friend when Saddam was in-

US pilots and our very own RAF boys took off from the pseudo-secret air hase in southern Bahrain to bomb the Iraqis in 1991. And for this, we were very grateful. The late

vading Iran).

ishment, he had a sense of humour and enjoyed Western company - especially the female flight attendants who sunned themselves on the Sheikh's personal beach from which ordinary Bahrainis were

When it was obvious that Bahrain's oil reserves would run out within 10 years, he shrewdly created a new Gulf free banking zone and trade sector, marred only by the violence that took 40 lives since 1994, provoked by the lack of In its jail languishes today

Sheikh Abdul Amir al-Jamri (on trial for spying and incitement), whose son Mansour yesterday paid his condolences to the new Emir Hamad in the hope that he would "open a new age of reconciliation with the Bahraini opposition".

Perhaps he will. But Hamad has promised a continuation of his father's policies and is a tough guy when it comes to putting down dissent. As for the Americans, they will, of course, back the Emir Hamad. His fa-

of the United States to bromote peace in the region".

Indeed he had. And while Washington has been plotting the overthrow of Saddam and demanding "democracy" for the Iraqi people, Mr Cohen said nothing about the lack of democracy in Bahrain.

Nor about the rather less than democratic Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where he arrived at the weekend, another American ally whose king may soon be visited by the Grim Reaper. ■ In Baghdad, the official news-

day: "The cause of [the Emir's] death ... was the harsh words he heard from the US Defense Secretary, William Cohen." The newspaper quoted anonymous sources in Cyprus as saying: "The Emir was very affected."

Another Iraqi newspaper, Babil, also noted the timing of the emir's death. "We wonder, what did Cohen tell the late Emir so he caused the man a heart attack," said the paper.

It is owned by President Saddam's son, Odai, (AP)

Khatami ventures out into Europe

BY PAUL BOMPARD

WHEN MOHAMMED Khatami arrives in Rome tomorrow, he will be the first Iranian head of state to visit Western Europe since the 1979 revolution toppled the Shah and swept Ayatollah Khomeini to power.

During his three-day official visit he will meet the Italian President, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, and the Prime Minister, Massimo D'Alema, in an effort to establish a dialogue with the West. A meeting with the Pope is also scheduled.

Mr Khatami arrives in Italy, the European country most open to his regime, with his foreign minister, the minister for mines and metals, and the minister for energy, who is directly responsible for oil exports. A goal will be to pave the way for new trade agreements,

Italy imports much of its oil from Iran. Last year, Lamberto Dini was the first European foreign minister to visit Tehran, and the Italian state energy group ENI has just signed a contract with Iran to tap oil-fields in the Persian Gulf.

But Mr Khatami's visit has prompted sharp criticism from some Italian MPs, union organisations and women's groups, and from representatives of the almost 500,000

Iranians living in Europe. Nevertheless Mr Khatami's reception at the highest official level implies that the Italian government is willing to accept the recent reforms in Iran as genuine. Mr Dini said: "We must ensure that Khatami and his government are welcomed in the West, and make them feel we do not wish to isolate

Mr Khatami, in whose country a Catholic minority is tolerated, will meet the Pope on Thursday. A Vatican official said: "The Pope's policy has always been that dialogue is Obituary, Review, page 6 preferable to isolation."

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Refugee disaster at sea kills 40

BY PHIL DAVISON in Miami

THEY WERE almost within sight of the Land of the Free off the coast of Palm Beach Florida, one of the wealthiest areas of America. They were 40odd Haitians, fleeing the poor est country in the hemisphere on two leaky wooden fishing boats sailing side-by-side.

Only three of those on board made it, plucked from the Atlantic by the US Coast Guard after both boats capsized. Rescuers gave up the search for the others early yesterday, saying they feared about 40 had drowned in what was the worst illegal immigrant disaster off

A Coast Guard spokesman said the immigrants had fled Haiti and had reached the Bahamas, where they worked illegally to earn at least £1,500 to be smuggled to the US.

They were within 30 miles of Palm Beach when one of the boats sprang a leak on Satur day night. As the 18 refugees who were a few hundred yards from the shore, tried to scramble on to the other boat, hold ing 25 people, it capsized. Some could not swim. Others ching to

The crew of a freighter heard screams but could see no one. They called the Coast Guard, who used night vision goggles to locate the survivors clinging to an oil drum.

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German Greens castigate leaders

GERMANY'S GREENS confronted themselves yesterday with the question of whether they were ready for govern-

At a weekend party conference, the delegates rounded on the only Green politician who had distinguished himself in government, heaped abuse on their coalition partners, the Social Democrats, and turned their backs on calls to reform the movement, whose rules date back to the days of flower

Joschka Fischer, the Foreign Minister who had urged the party to modernise its cumbersome decision-making process, was accused of plotting a putsch. In a resolution adopted by an overwhelming majority, the Social Democrats were attacked for their "provocative and extortionist behaviour" in the nuclear debate. Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's "indecisiveness also came in for criticism, and his government was ordered to ban the reprocessing of nuclear waste and start phasing

out nuclear power immediately. The Greens' party conference came in the wake of a series of setbacks, culminating in the Red-Green coalition's unexpected defeat last month in regional elections in Hesse. Compared with their sbare of 12 per cent of the votes a year ago, the Greens are now scoring about 6 per cent, Their Environment Minister, Jürgen Trittin, has been bumiliated by an attempt to grab an undis-Mr Schröder's party after he had attempted to start phasing out nuclear energy faster than his coalition partners were prepared to move. As a result of the when the Greens talk of strucdefeat at Hesse, Green proposals for reforming Germany's nationality law look Müller received sustained aplikely to be watered down.

These reversals add up to a picture of the Green army in full retreat, but they are still refusing to concede that there might be something wrong with the strategy or the battle formation. The delegates had gone to their conference in Erfurt to prepare for the coming European elections, and not to hear criticism of their movement.

Only Mr Fischer, the Green politician with the highest popularity among voters, was prepared to suggest that the movement could do with some updating. He was heard out in icy silence. "We have to combine our visions with what it is actually possible to achieve," Mr Fischer told the meeting. "We have to learn how to govern and how to go out and

As always, Mr Fischer thinks be knows the answers. The Social Democrats had been able to outflank him and his colleagues because Green ministers had no power to take decisions without going through tedious procedures for internal consultation. What the party needed, the Foreign Min-ister said, was clear leadership structures and less tokenism. Unlike other parties, the Greens have "spokespersons", rather than leaders, though no one really disputes Mr Fischer's role as primus inter pares.

His comrades nevertheless interpreted his intervention as puted leadership role. "This makes me absolutely mad," said parliamentary whip Kerstin Müller. "We all know that ture reform it's all about a battle for power," she said. Ms plause for her contribution.



The Place de la Concorde, where traffic is to be restricted in favour of pedestrians

Paris to curb cars in its most beautiful square

THE PLACE de la Concorde By JOHN LICHFUELD claims, with some reason, to be in Paris the most beautiful square in the world. For tourists and pedestrians it is a nightmare an automotive Jacuzzi separating the Champs Elysées from the Tuileries gardens and the Louvre.

To reach the Egyptian obelisk in the centre, roughly marking the spot where Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette and Robespierre were executed. you have to run the gauntlet of acres of snarling, colour blind

Now the old square is to undergo another revolution. The Mayor of Paris, Jean Tiberi, will present plans tomorrow to banish cars to two narrow lanes across the square and a loop around the northern side. Half the Place de la Concorde, at 17 acres one of the biggest squares inthe world, would be reserved for pedestrians.

An even more radical plan,

but buses, taxis and bicycles, will also be presented but this seems unlikely to be adopted. The Place de la Concorde carries more traffic at rush-hour than any other thoroughfare in the French capital: 10,000 cars an hour which is more than the busiest section of the Boulevard Périphérique encir-

the main east-west vehicle route on the right bank of Paris, connecting the Rue de of the Concorde would belo to giving pedestrians 80 per cent Rivoli with the Champs encourage commuters to take

cling the city.

of the square, and banning all Elysées. Since it is is jammed every morning and evening, bow could it be closed, or even restricted, without reducing the city centre to permanent

Officials at the Paris town hall say drivers would soon discover other routes. There would be a slight increase in existing jams, they say, but so what? The policy of the city is The square is a vital link in to reduce traffic by up to 10 per cent in the early years of the new century, and blocking part the Métro or the bus.

Under the less radical of

the two schemes, costed at about £15m, the square would gain seven or eight new large, grassy areas and an ugly car park on the Tuileries side would be abolished. Traffic would be restricted to narrow lanes heading north and south across the square to and from the river and to a loop around the northern side, connecting the Rue de Rivoli and the Champs Elysées.

Bloc-headed nations that are totally lost

CITY LIFE

WE ARE late, lost, and getting angrier by the minute. We are, for at least the 10th time in the past half-bour, grilling a pedestrian for directions. Yet again, we are hearing an utterly different answer from the one given a moment ago by the previous person we

stopped.
The taxi driver hasn't a him. At least tell us, we say – witheringly – what part of the city we are in. Is this the east or the west? He looks uncomfortable, and gazes thoughtfully at the monotonous Soviet architecture around him before answering with the awkwardly pitched voice of a man on shaky ground, "Er, west. Of course."

This is not a foreign correspondent's moan. It cuts to a far deeper issue, the extraordinary fact that a good number of the 270 million who live in the former Soviet Union, a territory that girdles: nearly half the planet, have not a clue where they are. Not, at least, in terms of the compass. This one happened to ply the streets of Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan. But the same disorientated man can be found in cabs from Minsk to Vladivestek

West, north, south - concepts rooted in the core of a western brain - mean nothing. The poles are distant ice fields, which could be anywhere over the horizon. Alfred Hitchcock's famous movie title is just so much gibberish. While an American cannot get into a car without being constantly reminded of his relationship as an individual against the backdrop of the planet by the street signs - the entire traffic grid works on compass points - a Russian or an Azeri usually has to use other means. He fumbles his way around by combining private landmarks - a twisted lamp-post here, a kiosk there, a memorable pothole - with an unsbakeable (and often

given the passion for statistics and diagrams you often find among former peoples of the Soviet Union. There is no shortage of charts, showing you how things work. If you get bored during the seven days it takes to cross Russia on the Trans-Siberian Express, you can sit in the loo

misplaced) faith in the abili-

ty of passers-by to help him

studying the diagrams of the waterworks (not rocket science, this).

For decades, millions of Soviet males bought Za Rulyom car magazine so that they could study stark little drawings of the latest Lada chassis or Niva engine. Flights on Aeroflot carry helpful charts showing passengers where to chie. We turn up the heat on find the axe. Computer manufacturers say Russian clients vacuum up every tiny detail of a desktop's performance statistics, which influence them far more than where the machine was made, and by whom. Broadcast weather forecasts are an endless Gregorian chant of statistics, from wind speed per metre to air pressure. Officials constantly spout statistics, trying to bring order to the chaos by attaching numbers to it.

But cartography is a different issue. Hand a Russian a map and be will look at you with suspicion. I sought help from a man in Moscow, brandishing one under his nose. He refused to even glance at it; it was as if I was flourishing a warrant for his arrest.

The standard explanation for this has been trotted out many times: maps were banned by the Communists, because of paranoia that they would fall into hostile hands, and they have yet to catch on, not only because they are expensive but also because people have got used to life without them. Even now seven years after the end of outside capital cities.

But there are other-reasons for their lack of use; and the general state of disorientation. In most main cities, the street names have changed in the past few years. At most, two out of 10 people own cars, so they are less likely to carry a broad mental picture of the lay-out of their surroundings. In much of Russia the issue is further complicated by the fact that the landscape is flat, and seems much the same whatever di-All this is particularly odd, rection you look. It is as if the country is too vast for com

pass points to matter In Tashkent, we finally arrived at our destination. Blustering apologies, we asked our hosts where we were. Was this the west, like the man said? They looked surprised. It was, of course, the east.

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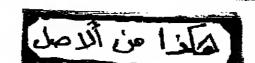
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BUSINESS

BRIEFING

WTO meets on banana wars

AN URGENT MEETING of the World Trade Organisation's General Council will take place in Geneva today at the request of the European Union. The move follows a US decision last week to force importers of European products ranging from cashmere to pecorino cheese to post a bond worth 100 per cent of the value of their goods. It was the latest round in the banana wars, a row over access to European markets for bananas imported by the US company Chiquita from Latin America. The WTO has postponed a decision on the dispute until 12 April, and the EU argues that America must wait until then before imposing any sacntions.

B&Q growth to create 2,500 jobs



B&Q Britain's biggest DIY chain, is to create 2,500 jobs in the next year. It is announcing plans today to open 10 warebouse stores and three Supercentres. creating jobs from shopfloor to management

The plans will include its first warehonse in Northern Ireland, at Newry, while the planned new superstores will be opened in England in Cannock, Yeovil and

Ashford. B&Q now has a total of 287 stores, with the latest, in Blackpool, opening last Friday.

Bid battle looms for French bank A BID BATTLE is looming for Credit Commercial de

France, France's fifth-largest bank, ING, the Dutch financial services giant, was close to securing agreement for a foreign bank's first foothold in France. However, ING has been outbid by Fortis, the

Dutch/Belgian banking group, for the 7.8 per cent stake in CCF put up for sale by Mutuelles Le Mans. It is offering 112.5 euros a share, valuing the bank at 8 billion euros (£5.3bn). ING already has 9 per cent of CCF voting shares.

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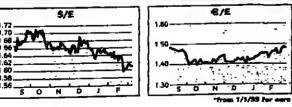
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Eve of Budget: The UK gets a glowing report as DTI prepares to boost small business

'Skilful' Chancellor wins rave review from the IMF

THE BRITISH economy got a BY DIANE COYLE rave review from the International Monetary Fund yesterday. The IMF praised the Government for its "skillful management" and said prompt. monetary and fiscal policy responses should ensure that the economic slowdown would be short-lived.

There was room for further annual health check concluded. The IMF is forecasts that growth will slow to 0.8 per cent last published forecast, with the risk that it could be lower if world demand weakens again.

Apart from this caveat, Gordon Brown could not have asked for a more positive assessment on the eve of Tuesday's Budget. The IMF said: "The United Kingdom has sig-

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nificantly improved the architecture of macro-economic policymaking." It went on: "Executive Directors commended the authorities for the UK's impressive economic performance."

A Treasury statement welinterest-rate cuts, the IMP's comed the findings of the annual "Article IV" consultation. It said: "The Government is now addressing the fundathis year, slightly lower than its mental structural weaknesses which have beld Britain back for decades.

The IMF had special praise for the operational independence of the Bank of England and for the openness of its decisions. Britain had set an example other countries should

THE UK ECONOMY 1996 1997 1998 1999 est forecast 2.5 0.8 % change RPIX. % change 7.0 4.5 Tracle halance. -1.7 -1.6 -2.3 -2.9

The fimd welcomed the symmetric inflation target, which al- Chancellor must stick to his lowed the Bank to cut interest rates rapidly as growth slowed. "Monetary and fiscal policies are in a good position to ensure that the slowdown will be limited and of short duration."

The assessment said the plans to keep government borrowing low, saying his rules to limit current spending and keep the national debt at a sustainable level "did not

penditures" such as the new Working Families Tax Credit. The summary also noted that some of the fund's board of directors were concerned that the national minimum wage could have an adverse effect on jobs.

transparency of fiscal policy

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lic spending and on "tax ex-

However, it welcomed the broad thrust of the welfare-towork measures introduced by the Government. Indeed, it recommended more of the same in order to shrink the poverty trap, although recognising that this would require extra public

The IMF's forecast of growth of 0.8 per cent in 1999 is,

future policies". It urged him to below the 1 to 1.5 per cent prego further in improving the dicted by the Treasury in November's Pre-Budget Report. The Chancellor has decided nevertheless to stick to his more upbeat forecast, a move likely to raise some eye-

brows in the City. Inflation will hit the 2.5 per cent target, while unemploy-ment will edge up to 5 per cent on average in 1999, according to the report. The strong pound means that the trade balance is holding growth back. The balance of payments deficit is expected to widen further this

The Government's commitment to stability had created a virtuous circle of greater confidence, rising demand, job gains, reduced unemployment and higher asset prices, the

DTI to set up bureau for small firms

STEPHEN BYERS will announce the creation of a new bureau for small business at the Department of Trade and Industry, as one of a series of businessfriendly measures to be unveiled on Wednesday.

Other steps expected to be announced by the Trade Secretary the day after the Budget include stronger takeover legislation to reduce political influence on merger decisions, a shake-up of the Training and Enterprise Councils and changes in bankruptcy law.

BY DIANE COYLE

sumer strategy to boost competition. Audits of prices charged by car dealers, supermarkets and high-street retailers will be published in the summer.

The small business bureau will borrow ideas from America's Small Business Administration. The Government is aware that smaller firms are worried about the amount of new rules and tax changes they have to implement, from the minimum wage and working time directive to the There will also be a new con-Working Families Tax Credit.

The new body will help companies with up to 20 employees comply with changes imposed on them by government. It is also intended to act as an advocate for small firms within government, reflecting the DTT's concern that they have not always

The concentration of government resources for small business into one agency should also help to ensure that they are used more efficiently. Mr Byers will also make a

been heard in the past.

series of announcements following on from the DTT's Com-

petitiveness White Paper and the director-general of the Confed-Budget's emphasis on encouraging enterprise. The aim will be to strengthen the competitiveness of the British economy as well as overcome the alarm business organisations have begun to express about the bur-

The moves will be welcomed by employers' organisations. Some of these, including the British Chambers of Commerce, have been advocating a small business administration for the UK for some time

den of new red tape.

Yesterday Adair Turner, the

eration of British Industry, urged targeted assistance for smaller Mr Turner said the Budget

should include measures that would boost their investment and spending on research and development.

In a television interview yesterday he said: "We would obviously be concerned if there were any increase in the burdens on business after a significant increase in some of the tax burdens and also administrative burdens over the last few years."



Adair Turner: CBI chief urges more targeted aid

Clothing sales battle is set to intensify

BY NIGEL COPE **Associate City Editor**

BRITAIN'S clothing market is on the verge of a major shakeup as competition in the high street intensifies, a new survey claims

The study by Verdict, the retail consultants, says retailers in the saturated middle market will find the going increasingly tough as greater competition makes sales growth hard to achieve. But it reckons that Marks & Spencer, one of the biggest casualties of last year's retail slowdown, will be able to recover

Verdict says the UK clothing market grew by just 1 per cent last year to £27bn, the lowest growth rate of the 1990s. Adjusting for the addition of new floor space, Verdict says comparable sales were actually down by 1.5 per cent, precipitated by the poor autumn.

According to Verdict, M&S saw its market share fell from 13.4 per cent to 12.2 per cent in the year. The biggest gains were made by Next, New Look and Arcadia, whose formats include Dorothy Perkins and Principles.

However, the study says M&S will start to hit back at its rivals with a lower price policy. The biggest losers could be BhS, House of Fraser and C&A. Likely winners in the retail clothing race could include Oasis, Warehouse, Next, The Gap and Debenhams.

The report is upbeat on the prospects of a recovery at M&S. "M&S cannot be turned around overnight and 1999 will be a year of refocusing and returning to core values," it says. "The expanded floor space means that once the re-ranging and price repositioning processes are complete, improved performance will flow

Verdict says some retailers only had themselves to blame for poor sales last year, with bland, imexciting merchandise. This year should be better, with more colourful ranges apparent. in this spring's collections.

After an unhappy Christmas, restless investors want Hamleys to play it tough

Ash under pressure to quit as Hamleys chief

retailer, is considering remov ing its chief executive Chris Ash within weeks, in a bid to quell investors' anger at the company's dismal performance.

Mr Ash is coming under growing pressure to resign to take responsibility for Hamleys' disappointing sales and underperforming share price. Howard Dyer, the company's

powerful chairman, is already sounding out potential replacements for Mr Ash, who was appointed to the toy group in October 1997. The chief executive's chances of staying at the belm hinge on the final results, due to be announced later this month.

Insiders said yesterday that of a turnaround in the trading

HAMLEYS, the troubled toy BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA

performance at the company's flagship Regent Street store and Toystack mass market chain, Mr Ash was likely to be axed. "Chris is still there now, but the group hasn't been performing and needs to improve." a source said.

Hamleys' large shareholders, which include M&G, Prudential and Jupiter, are growing restless about the underperforming share price. "The institutions are on the phone to Howard telling him to do something about it," the source said.

The share price fell to an alltime low of 99p in October after the company revealed a near-50 per cent slump in first-half unless the figures showed signs profits. The profit collapse was caused by an embarrassing

information technology blunder that pushed Toystack into a loss. The Regent Street store was also hit by lower tourist spending.

Despite a slight recovery in the past few weeks, the stock,

which closed at 131.5p on Friday, has underperformed the market by nearly 50 per cent in the past 12 months. At the time of the interim results, Mr Dyer said the profit shortage would not be made up in the second half, triggering a raft of earnings downgrades. Hamleys further knocked

investors' confidence in January when it reported disappointing sales at Toystack in the run-up to Christmas, traditionally its busiest period. Analysts forecast a 1998 prof-

it of £6m, down from £7.5m.

Southgate to quit EMI with £800,000 payoff

SIR COLIN SOUTHGATE, the BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA controversial executive chairman of EML is to receive a payoff of about £800,000 following yesterday's announcement that be is to be replaced at the helm of the music group by Eric Nicoli, the chief executive of United Biscuits.

The surprise appointment of Mr Nicoli, a United Biscuits veteran with little experience of the music industry, ended EMI's five-month search for a new chief. At the end of last year Sir Colin told the group that be wanted to quit to focus on his job as chairman of London's crisistorn Royal Opera House.

The company said yesterday Sir Colin would go at the end of July after 15 years with EMI, 10 of them in the top job. His contract runs until 2001, and sources said he would receive around £800,000 as compensation for toss of earnings. Mr Nicoli, a non-executive

director of EMI since 1993, is to receive a pay package of over £500,000 plus a one-off payment for losing his United Biscuits loyalty bonus. He will be replaced at United Biscuits by Leslie Van der Walle, chief executive of its McVitie's subsidiary.

The 48-year old Mr Nicoli. who has headed the food company since 1991, was chosen ahead of several well-known music industry names, including Alain Levy, former head of Polygram.

Insiders said Mr Nicoli's inexperience of the music business would not be a drawback. "He hasn't been hired for his knowledge of the music indus- Nicoli: Little experience try. He has been hired for his of the music industry

managerial and leadership capabilities," one said. The appointment of an outsider would guarantee the independence of Ken Berry and Martin Bandier. the respected chiefs of EMI's records and music publishing divisions, he added.

Mr Nicoli's priorities will be to turn round EMI's share performance and mend his predecessor's rift with investors. Sir Colin had a mixed relationship with the City. His demerger of rental group Thorn and HMV in the early 1990s was credited with transforming EMI into a focused music business. However, more recently he was attacked for rebuffing a 600p-ashare £4.7bn takeover offer from Seagram of Canada. The rejection caused a collapse in EMI's share price.

Sir Colin also came under fire for the £12.5m payoff awarded to Jim Fifield wbo quit the group after being rejected as chief executive-designate.



German giants hire abroad and cut at home

CERMANY'S BLUE-CHIP com- employed by large German some of operations abroad in employers with over 64,000 staff employer with over half its panies have sharply increased their numbers of overseas emdomestic workers, an influential survey will reveal today, writes

Francesco Guerrera. The study by the German foreign investment specialist The findings will reinforce the Urban Publishing will show that arguments of German firms in the past 18 months staff

groups away from their homeland rose by 13.5 per cent to 1.9 ployees at the expense of million, but the troubles in the domestic economy and political uncertainties led to a 12 per droo in the number of Germanbased workers to 3.3 million.

which have threatened to move many's top 10 overseas Germany's largest overseas

protest at the centre-left government's planned tax reforms. A fortnight ago the insur-

ance group Allianz warned that it could base its headquarters in reviewing the scope of its Geranother European country if the government increased the fiscal pressure on financial companies. Allianz is one of Ger-

working abroad. The insurer's threat was

> al group RWE, which said it was man-based investments.

echoed by energy and industri-

The study carried out among 263 large firms, found that

420,600 staff working abroad. In the past 18 months Siemens increased its overseas staff by more than 40,000 to 220,000, despite the planned closure of a microchip plant on Tyneside with the likely loss of 1,000 jobs.

In the same period, Siemens's German workforce

Euro-sclerosis need not be catching

LAST WEEK, this column discussed the question of UK membership of EMU, and concluded there was no case for the Government to abandon its "wait and see" stance before the next election. This conclusion dismayed many of my pro-European friends, so I would like to reassure them that I have lost none of my enthusiasm for closer UK integration with the European Union, which looks as desirable as it is inevitable. Eventually, this will probably mean that Britain will become a full member of EMU.

But I just do not understand the case for rushing into this decision now. Integration needs to proceed further before we should give up monetary sovereignty, since idiosyncratic shocks to the UK economy remain all too likely.

This week, bowever, I shall turn to an increasingly fashionable, but might be plagued by low GDP nevertheless dubious, argument growth and high unemployment for staying out indefinitely - which is that the UK would catch a dose of "Europe sclerosis" if it were to become a member of EMU. The pro-European, but anti-EMU. group led by David Owen seems to believe that this might be the case, and even the Prime Minister is

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clearly worried about the issue. The main loophole he has left himself for staying outside EMU over the long term is that our continental European neighbours might not introduce sufficient market-friendly reforms in their economies, in which case they control or social security - which



GAVYN **DAVIES**

Would life for the UK really be so bad if we climbed into bed with a sclerotic EMU bloc?

So would the UK catch Eurosclerosis if it joined EMU?

Probably the most crucial point to make is that most of the key areas of policy concerning labour and product market flexibility are subject to European Union rules already, and they would be (at least in theory) unaffected by EMU membership. On the face of it, it is difficult to think of any relevant policy area - certainly not labour mar-

ket reform, product market flexibility, industrial policy, merger

example of this is the implementation of the Social Chapter, which UK and will in future operate in this country irrespective of membership of the single currency. Similarly, the

Euro-sceptics reply that this may be all very well in theory, but that in practice things would work out very differently. Once inside EMU, they contend, Britain would be forced to adopt a pan-European macro and micro-economic programme that would be highly sclerotic in nature. The idea here is that the EMU bloc will inevitably gravitate towards a genuine single economy, and most probably towards full political union as well. Once that happens, Britain's option of remaining an island of market flexibility in a sea of European regula-

Anything is feasible in the long term, but this really does seem to be an unlikely nightmare. The only policy areas that do appear likely to be affected by EMU membership (other than the obvious ones of monetary and exchange-rate policy) are the macro-economic aspects of fiscal policy. Sooner or later, it will become apparent that national fiscal policies will need to be co-ordinated in order to produce a coberent out-turn for the fiscal/monetary mix, and that will require further budgetary integra- lead to a depreciation in the

tion could be eliminated.

would be affected one way or the tion on top of the provisions of the other by joining EMU. A clear Stability Pact, This could also lead to some further steps towards tax harmonisation. But all this will be was undertaken voluntarily by the subject to imanimous voting and, in any case, it is not crucial to the supply side issue of product and labour market flexibility. A more comprebensive political union seems fan-

tasy at this stage. From the supply side point of view, therefore, we seem reasonably safe. But what about the demand side? Observing the recent behaviour of the EMU bloc, it seems quite plausible to argue that a continuing conflict between the politicians and the European Central Bank will produce a combination of recession and an overvalued exchange rate in continental Europe. Some Euro-sceptics are obviously concerned that. inside EMU, Britain would not be able to declare independence from endemic Euro-recession, Hence we would be better off outside, where we would retain the flexibility to boost UK demand by cutting

domestic interest rates if necessary.

make about this line of argument.

There are two key points to

First, assuming that the EU is other words, it would be increasprone to continuing recessionary problems, UK exports to Europe ingly problematic to stay within the EU while staying independent from will be adversely affected whether we are inside or outside EMU. The monetary union freedom to cut interest rates outside EMU might initially protect us from recession, but it would also worsen the UK trade deficit and

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE Reformist Netherlands

exchange rate. If this process were repeated for a few years in succession, the UK would soon be accused of pursuing a devalua-tionist strategy within the European single market. Before too long, ailing EMU members would start thinking about expelling the UK from the single market on the grounds that it was following a strategy of unfair competition through a weak exchange rate. In

Second, would life for the UK really be so bad if we climbed into bed with a scierotic EMU-bloc? Expansionary fiscal policy would still be available in the short term

to avoid a domestic recession as European demand growth slumped. More important, in the longer term, supply-side flexibility would come to our rescue and would enable us to take an increasing share of European markets as our greater competitiveness took effect. Whereas inflation in continental Europe would remain stubbornly high during economic downturns, there would be more downward flexibility in both prices and wages in the UK. This would result in a decline in the real

exchange rate, but it would be achieved in the "good" way (that is, lower inflation) instead of in the "bad" way (a lower sterling exchange rate).

devaluation, it would be quite impossible for other members of EMU to complain about an increase in UK competitiveness achieved through lower price inflation. In fact, instead of attempting to freeze the UK out of the single market, other EMU members would eventually be forced to adopt more flexible economic practices themselves in order to compete with the success of flexi-Britain.

Is this just a Europhile's pipedream? Consider the experience of Holland in the past two decades. Twenty years ago Holland was the most extreme example of the sclerotic European model stratospheric levels of tax and spend, vast pools of structural unemployment, mind-numbing regulation in product markets, the lot. But during the 1980s. in a series of patient and painstaking reforms. the Dutch took a large dose of Anglo-Saxon reformist medicine (along with a parallel dose of centralised wage moderation). The result, as the graph shows, has been that Holland has become one of the success stories of the 1990s, despite the chronic failure of its giant neighbour Germany, with whom it has had a monetary union for over

The Dutch example proves that a fear of catching Euro-scierosis is an unconvincing reason for the UK to stay outside EMU. Other factors may counsel delay, but this one

IN BRIEF

IMF set to announce details of new rescue package for Brazil

THE INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund is expected to announce details of its renegotiated rescue package for Brazil within the next few days. An initial \$9bn loan from a total of \$41.5bn failed to prevent the devaluation of its currency, the real, in January. The currency has since lost 40 per cent of its value against the dollar. The new agreement, likely to involve additional tax increases and government spending cuts, should allow the release of a further tranche of the loan by the end of the month.

ECB 'must communicate better'

THE EUROPEAN Central Bank must do a better job of communicating its policies to the public, according to the OECD. The organisation says in a new report that improved communications would help to build support for the new institution among the European public. It also advises the ECB to stress its message about the limits of what monetary policy can achieve, in order to resist political pressures to cut interest rates so that governments can avoid implementing much-needed economic reforms. . .

UK public remains hostile to euro

PUBLIC HOSTILITY in the UK to the single currency has not been dented by the Government's National Changeover Plan. The monthly survey of opinion by Salomon Smith Barney, the investment bank, and MORI found that the balance opposed LMO has edged up from 18 per cent to 2 per cent, with 32 per cent in favour and 52 per cent against.

Asked how they would vote if the Government strongly urged joining, the balance against was 12 per cent, up from 8 per cent the previous month. The poll was carried out over a period starting two days after the Prime Minister announced his "change of gear" on UK membership.

Informal bids tabled for First Choice

AIRTOURS AND Germany's Preussag are the early front runners in the race to win control of First Choice, the package holiday group. The two companies are believed to have tabled informal bids for the tour operator and to have been admitted to the next round of talks. First Choice, which last week admitted that it had received several approaches, is thought to be looking for an offer of at least 220p a share. valuing the group at around £800m.

Investors ditch defensive stance CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN investors have ditched their defensive stance of the past six months and raised holdings of international stocks amid hopes of a worldwide economic

recovery a survey by Merrill Lanch will reveal today.

According to the US bank, in February European fund managers doubled their investments in Japanese equities from 2 to 4 per cent of their portfolio. The prospect of further UK rate cuts also triggered an increase in the level of holdings in London-quoted companies.

Heron to spend £250m on Euro sites

HERON INTERNATIONAL, the property company run by Gerald Ronson, will today announce a major boost to its overseas portfolio with the purchase of several sites in major European cities. The company has bought land with a total development cost of £250m in Lisbon, Nuremberg, Madrid and Milan. The purchases are part of Heron's plans to spend over a £1bn in the next five years to create a series of entertainment parks in 20 cities within the European Union.

News Analysis: MMC report on Murdoch's bid for Man United is delivered this week

Will BSkyB get the red card?

BY PETER THAL LARSEN

THIS WEEK, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission will deliver its verdict on the proposed purchase of Manchester United by British Sky Broadcasting, Rupert Murdoch's satellite broadcaster.

In financial terms the £628m takeover, the report on which is due to be passed to Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary on Friday, is relatively insignificant.

Nevertheless, the completion of the report marks the conclusion of one of the most high-profile investigations the MMC has ever been asked to carry out. The report will not only determine whether erator will be allowed to huy its most successful football club; it will also help to shape the future of both professional football and sport on television.

In the past four and a half months, the MMC has heard a wide range of arguments from the highly technical to the highly emotional - about why the deal should not be allowed to go ahead. In the background, the members of the panel can hardly have missed the looming presence of Rupert Murdoch and the political power he

The MMC's conclusions are a closely-guarded secret, and are likely to remain so for another month or so until Mr Byers delivers his own verdict on the takeover.

What is clear, however, is that the MMC's investigation has been much more thorough than expected. When Peter Mandelson referred the deal to the MMC last October, many betamed lids mate moderation. was to avoid accusations of being too close to Rupert Murdoch - a view shared by the media mogul.

But BSkyB and Manchester United have not had an easy ride. People close to the inquiry say they were surprised by the



Sky's big game: Opponents to the Man United takeover queued up to tell the MMC why the deal should not be allowed

embers during the hearing... This hostility is likely to be a reflection of the huge number

of arguments against the deal that were presented to the MMC. A strange alliance of opponents-many with conflicting enter-quester up to argue that the takeover should be blocked.

Rival media groups such as Lord Hollick's United News & Media have sought to undermine BSkyB's position by arguing that the deal is anticompetitive, but have stopped short of opposing the principle

hostile line taken by the panel of media groups owning football members during the hearing. clubs. Both United News and Carlton have held talks with the current league champions Arsenal while NTL the cable operator, has an option to buy

Newcastle United

Football club chairmen have also been divided Summ such as Tottenham Hotspur's Alan Sugar, are thought to have argued in favour of the deal because it is likely to trigger a wave of copycat takeovers, driving up the clubs' market value. But smaller clubs have opposed the deal because they fear that BSkyB's deep pockets will ensure that Manchester United

become unbeatable. Meanwhile, supporters' or-ganisations have voiced the opposite concern that BSkvB would starve Manchester United of resources and squeeze the fans by forcing up ticket prices. Some have even suggested that BSkyB might order Manches-ter United to lose matches in order to encourage a closer

league contest. Then there have been curious interventions from the likes of Peter Rogers, the chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, who reportedly told the MMC the deal should be blocked outright even though the television watchdog's official position was more balanced. Nevertheless. competition lawyers say the MMC is likely to have accorded the greatest weight to the evidence submitted by BSkyB's competitors.

sales of dishes. One of the most common

THE CASE AGAINST SKY There are four main arguments against BSkyB's takeover of Manchester United

 By owning Manchester United, BSkyB will be able Influence the Premier League when it decides which when It decides which television company should be awarded the rights to broadcast live Premier League matches. Manchester United would also be able to tip off BSkyB about bids submitted bits rivals, allowing the broadcaster to make sure it wins any rights auction. wins any rights auction.

BSky8 could use its ownership of Manchester United to stop the practice of making recorded highlights of Premier League matches

more dishes.

3. BSkyB could use Manchester United's position as one of the largest clubs in the country to influence the future structure of the league, the introduction of pay-per-view television, and the sharing of resource with he sharing of revenues with

3. BSkyB could put up the price of match tickets at Old irafford, excluding supporters and forcing them to watch the matches by subscribing to Sky.

complaints about the deal is that it will give BSkyB an advantage in negotiating teleed out - is that the club has only vision rights with the Premier one vote out of 20 in Premier

Opponents suggested that Manchester United would be able to use its influence in the league to make sure the rights were awarded to BSkyB, or could tip off its owner about the value of hids from rival media problem of finding clubs and

A similar argument was made by the BBC, which is concerned that it might lose access to the recorded highlights of Premier League matches that form the basis of its Match of the Day programme. Most clubs want to keep highlights on free-to-air television in order to encourage interest in football. But BSkyB might be able to use Manchester United to end the highlights in order to stimulate

The problem with both these

arguments - as BSkyB and Manchester United both point-

League meetings, making it hard to influence the outcome of any decision. Manchester United could threaten to leave the league if it did not get its own way although it would then face the

impetitions to play. Nevertheless, the MMC may attach a specific condition to the takeover, requiring a commitment that Manchester United does not abandon the Premier League for a rival competition.

BSkyB may also have to accept other restrictions on its control of television rights. Cable & Wireless Communications, the cable operator is thought to have proposed that BSkyB agree not to buy the rights to matches it does not intend to show - a suggestion

altaching as a condition to the takeover. This means that BSkyB would either have to show more than its current quota of 60 matches a year, or give up its exclusive grip on Premier League rights.

this far, it will probably require

the MMC is considering

BSkyB to make its channels available to rival pay-TV platforms such as cable and ONdigital at commercial rates something industry regulators have already been considering. In drafting its report, however, the MMC faces a serious beadache. Its conclusions depend crucially on the out-

come of the Office of Fair Trading's case against Premier League, which is currently being beard before the Restrictive Practices Court The OFT argues that the Premier League is acting as a cartel by negotiating television rights on behalf of all its mem-

ber clubs. If the OFT wins its case, all the clubs will automatically be free to sign their own broadcasting deals. As a result, it is possible that the MMC may take the

unprecedented step of delivering two rulings with two different sets of conditions - one for each possible outcome.

At the moment the odds still favour the MMC recommending that the deal be cleared subject to BSkyB and Manchester United agreeing to certain conditions. But the result will be in doubt until Mr Byers blows

The European Index-Tracking PEP

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Intel follows Gates into monopoly court

THE US GOVERNMENT begins a key competition case this week against Intel, the chip maker that, along with software giant Microsoft, dominates the computer market.

Washington contends, as it does with Microsoft, that Intel used its market strength to edge out competitors. The two - known collectively as 'Wintel' - dominate 80 per cent of the world's computer market.

Unlike the Microsoft trial, currently in recess, the Intel trial is being held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Federal Trade Commission. The trial starts on Tuesday and is likely to last two or three months. It could be appealed to the FTC commissioners and then to federal appeals court.

The FTC has not lost a major case for some time. But it seems to be on weaker ground with taken to bring the case to court errment argument that it dom-

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

have not helped as technology and markets change so fast.

The FTC says that Intel "coerced major, established customers into granting access to their technology on terms favourable to Intel." The government says Intel demanded royalty-free use of patents owned by Intergraph, Compaq and Digital Equipment Corp, three of its customers, intending to use the data to improve its own products.

When they refused, it threatened to stop providing them with information about its chips, the government says. That information is crucial in allowing the companies to prepare for the next generation of chips as they design computers.

Intel's defence rests less on Intel, and the eight months it has a complete denial of the gov-

its right to do business with anyone it wants. "We were simply protecting our intellectual property rights," said Chuck Mulloy, Intel spokesman. The companies were, after all, taking legal

action against Intel, he said. Intel has in any case lost market share in the past year. Advanced Micro Devices may in January have sold more retail PC processor units than Intel for the first time, an indicator of the company's slipping grasp, although the company remains dominant in the mid-range market, the most lucrative slice. None of the companies was

directly in competition with Intel, and lawyers in Washington think the government will find it hard to prove its case on the basis of monopoly. Intel said in its pre-trial brief that there was "overwhelming evidence that competition is thriving". Although it involves some

inates the market, and more on important principles about intellectual property and the nature of client relationships, the Intel trial is unlikely to generate the same excitement as Microsoft's mammoth case. It is focused on a far narrower set of arguments and relationships. There will be less use of emails to demonstrate internal company policy, and Andrew Grove, Intel's chairman, is a smoother customer than Mr Gates. Both the government and Intel will bring academic experts to discuss whether or

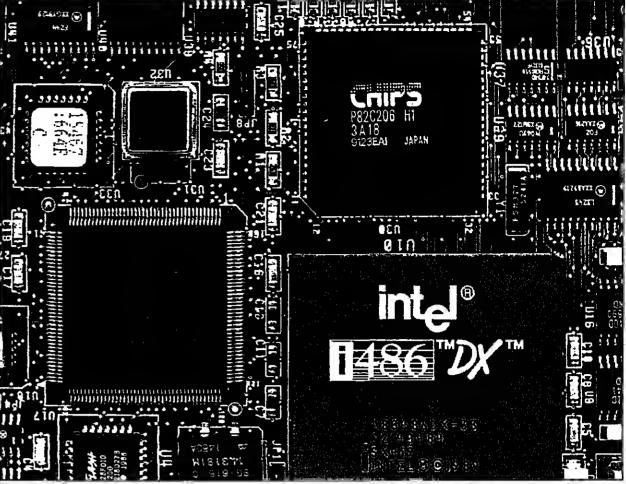
> The relationship between Intel and Microsoft, once very close, is also more distant now. Intel's evidence in the Microsoft trial probably harmed the company, and it has sought to compete with Microsoft in the market for consumer video.

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fought argument than in the

Microsoft trial.



The US trade commission contends that the computer chip giant Intel used its market strength to edge out competitors - the same charge it has made against Microsoft in a case which has not yet been concluded

Canary Wharf tax breaks 'safe'

CANARY WHARF, the London By Francesco Guerrera Docklands property complex heading for a £2bn-plus flotation, will this week tell investors there is no threat to its multi-million pound tax breaks.

The reassurance comes as it emerged that Paul Reichmann, the chairman, could receive an extra 4 per cent stake - worth £100m - in the company if the East London development is completed and let on time.

Canary Wharfhas been hit by suggestions that the Government is considering the withdrawal of a package of tax perks granted to lure new tenants.

The Government and Inland Revenue are believed to be. a complaint by Michael Cassidy, a director of property group British Land and a former planning chief at the Corporation of

Wharf is telling investors the perks will last until 2005, even though Parliament was told they would end in 2002.

However, in the flotation prospectus due on Thursday, Canary Wharf is expected to say its tax position is protected by law. The company is understood to have sought legal advice and been reassured their tax position is safe.

According to the lawyers the concessions, used to entice tenants from the City, were offset by funds invested by Canary Wharf to regenerate Dockdands. It is believed to have spent over looking at the tax breaks after a filbn to improve transport and infrastructure. The bulk of the Canary Wharf's investment was used to part-fund the Docklands Light Railway and Jubilee London, the body responsible for Line Extension. This compares the City, Canary Wharf's rivel: with tax breaks of around £1bn Mr Cassidy is believed to have "in the past 10 years and of over

What The Papers Said

A ROUND-UP OF SUNDAY BUSINESS STORIES

THE INDEPENDENT

Business leaders are expected to welcome Gordon Brown's budget as a blueprint for economic stability and enterprise.

The chief economist of the Confederation of British Industry, Kate Barker, said she was confident her members had been heard.

Standard Life Investments, one of the largest shareholders in Telecom Italia, is mounting a campaign of major shareholders in the telecommunications group to block the proposed \$58bn takeover by Olivetti.

Edinburgh-based Standard believes the deal would saddle Telecom Italia with debts, hampering its future growth.

The Observer

■ Jaguar, the luxury car maker, has come back from the brink of collapse to make a £50m pre-tax profit last

The UK company, which is owned by Ford, is understood to have made a higher-thanexpected operating profit of £250m on turnover of £1.6bn. The results follow a period of heavy losses in the early

■ First Choice, the package holiday company, is believed to have received takeover approaches from its British rival Airtours and Germany's Preussag, owner of Thomas Cook. First Choice is aiming for an offer of around 220p per share, valuing the company at £800m.

The Sunday Telegraph

■ The US group, Mission Energy, is the front runner to buy two coal-fired power stations being auctioned by the UK generator PowerGen for up to fibn. The American group has edged ahead of British

Energy, the privatised nuclear generator, in the race for the two plants in Ferrybridge, Yorkshire, and Fiddler's Ferry, Merseyside.

■ Royal & SunAlliance, the insurance giant, is poised to sell its £400m British commercial property portfolio as part of its plans to boost shareholder value and make more efficient use of its capital. The company is in advanced negotiations with Moorfield Estates, a small property group.

SUNDAY BUSINESS

■ The downfall of the Flaming Ferraris, the Credit Suisse First Boston team of traders that included Lord Archer's son James, was triggered by complaints from two rival banks. Salomon Smith Barney and HSBC alerted the authorities about CSFB's index arbitrage after noticing sharp price movements on the Stockholm bourse.

■ Liffe, the London futures exchange, will report its firstever loss next month, postponing its desired stock market flotation for two or three years. The losses have been caused by cuts in fees to help stem the loss of business to other exchanges and by redundancy costs.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

■ Camelot is considering bidding for the first federal

lottery in Russia. The UK lottery operator is investigating the possibility of forming a consortium to bid for the Russian draw, set to have an television audience of over 100m people.

Reckitt & Colman, the bousehold goods group, is to reshuffle its poorly performing North American operations in an attempt to reassure investors and stave

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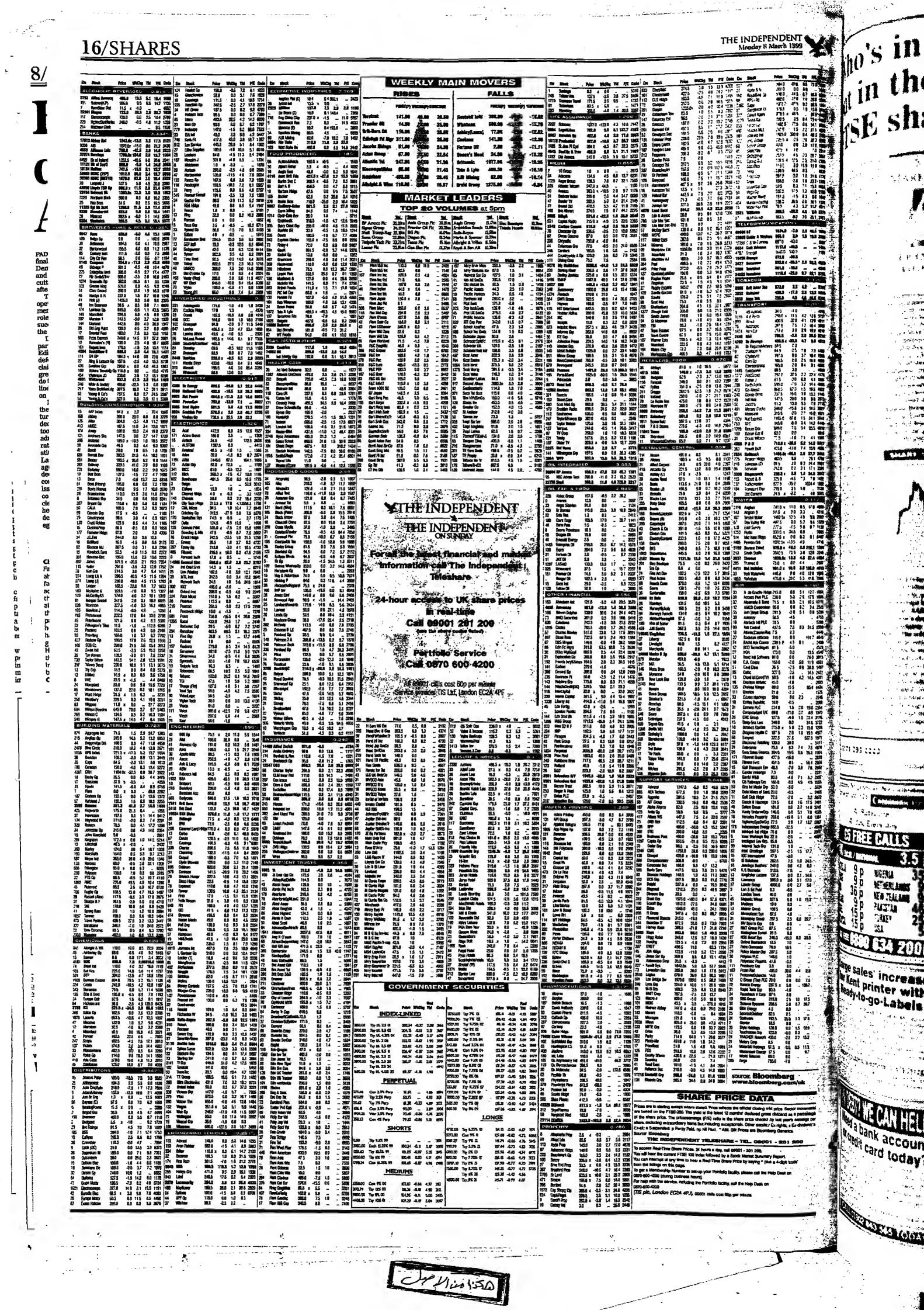
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Who's in and who's out in the great FTSE shake-about

THE GREAT RESHUFFLE is upon us again this week, and the FTSE 100 is braced for its periodical round of changes.

Like a prehistoric ritual, Wednesday's quarterly review of the indices will see some blue chips sacrificed on the altar of market value and a handful of mid-cappers accepted into the market's most revered elite.

The reshuffle is about more than prestige. With institutional investors increasingly reluctant to put money in companies below the FTSE 100, the loss of blue-chip status - and of valuable tracker fund support - often leads to some hefty price falls.

Energis is almost certain to be brought into the FTSE 100 inner sanctum. The telecommunications company's shares we had an extraordinary run, soaring nearly 600 per cent in less than a year. The stock's amazing climb has long given Energis a capitalisation well in excess of many FTSE 100 constituents. At around £4.8bn, the group's market value is level with the likes of British Airways and P&O.

However, the telecoms supplier was prevented from entering the index by the large stake owned by National Grid, the electricity group. With around 75 per cent of the capital in the hands of just one shareholder. Energis was considered a mere subsidiary of National Grid and thus barred from the FTSE 100. It was freed n January when National Grid shed in on the stock's performance and reduced its stake to below 50 per cent, netting some £1.1bn for its troubles.

As one company in the fancied telecoms sector goes in, one of the battered engineers is set to drop out. This is no ordinary metal-basher, it's none other than Tomkins. The last of the conglomerates, Tomkins has a turnover of £5bn, compared to Energis' £168m, and operations ranging from construction components to food manufacturing and garden equipment.

Despite its financial prowess, the shares have been hit by the City's lack of interest in engineering stocks, underperforming the market by some 60 per Tomkins' exit from the FTSE 100 Call leave BTR Siebe as the only member of the general engineering sector in the index.

EMAP, the magazine and radio group, is set to join the FTSE 100. The owner of glossy

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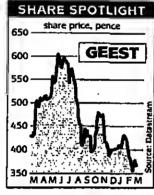
STOCK MARKET WEEK



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titles such as FHM and Red and the hip station Kiss FM hit a fiveyear peak last week at 1,418p. The shares have done well to recover from the dip in December when EMAP splashed out over \$1bn (\$600m) for Petersen, the US publisher of intriguing titles like Guns 'n Ammo and Hot Rod.

EMAP should push out either Williams, the once-sprawling conglomerate now focusing on fire and security, or Safeway, the supermarket chain. Both of them could drop out if South African Breweries gets in. The world's fourth-largest brewer starts full dealings today after a week in the grey market. The stock, floated at 428p, rose to



465p on Friday when it put another 11 million shares on the market. On present form it should scrape in, but all depends on how SAB fares before tomorrow's deadline.

Uncertainty also surrounds Misys. The software group was odds-on to return to the FTSE 100 before being hit by a belowprice trade last week. On Friday, might not be enough. If Misys succeeds Gallaher, the cigarette maker, could end its brief spell as a blue-chip unless Billiton, the long-suffering mining group, beats them through the FTSE 100 trapdoor.

The continuing flurry of results from blue-chip companies will keep dealers busy this week No fewer than six Footsie companies are to report figures.
British American Tobacco

will be first. Profits are forecast at about £1.62bn, up from £1.59bn last time. But the real price-sensitive news will be progress reports on Rothmans' acquisition and the US litigation cases.

Pearson is the second big hitter. The media group has been through a major restructuring; out went several publishing ventures and the Tussauds attractions business, and in came the Simon & Schuster educational publishers. S&S, bought for £4.6bn, was integrated a month ago and should contribute £20m to operating profit. But analysts believe that a successful merger between S&S and Addison Wesley Longman, Pearson's existing publishing business, will be key to the double-digit earnings growth target set by chief executive Marjorie Scardino. She should be able to meet her goal in 1998, with experts shooting for pre-exceptional profits of

around £340m against £286m.

Diageo, the drinks giant, will have little to toast on Thursday. Trading in wine and spirits has been hit by tough markets in Asia and Latin America, Pillsbury, the food division, has suffered from pricing pressures and materials cost. Interim profits will be lower - say £1.02hn versus £1.2bn - but investors will probably focus on issues such the near-11 per cent stake held by the French luxury group LVMH. There has been talk that the French could sell to pay for their assault on Gucci. Positive words on a share buyback would also be welcomed.

Reckitt & Coleman is having it tough. The maker of Harpic cleaner and Lemsin is still without a chief executive after the surprise departure of Vernon Sankey in January. A profits warning in November caused a share shump, and market conditions are not expected to have improved much. Overall, profits should be down by 11 per cent .to £280m and a further price slide would probably reawaken talk of interest from Unilever

Thursday, is a more likely takeover play. The stock raced ahead last week on talk of an 125p to 130p strike by a foreign predator. The French group Rhodia, majority-owned by Rhône-Poulenc, is hot favourite.

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Planet Organic founders fall out

AFTER THREE years in business together, the two founders of Planet Organic, an innovative supermarket selling naturally grown produce, are parting

Renee Elliott and Jonathan Dwek went to court after their different attitudes and objectives towards the store in Westbourne Grove, west London, strained their business relationship.

As equal shareholders only the courts had the power to overcome the deadlock, and as a result of the court's recent decision, Ms Elliott will buy out Mr Dwek's shareholding. Mr Dwek has resigned his directorship and is no longer involved with the company. The court has yet to fix the price at which Ms Elliott will buy out Mr Dwek's shares.

Ms Elliott, 33, born in Mississippi, set up Planet Organic with Mr Dwek in 1995. Attracting a fashionable Notting Hill clientele. the store won Organic Retailer of the Year in 1997. However, plans to open new stores have not been realised.

Mr Dwek and his family are closely associated with John Aspinall, the owner of zoos and WHO'S SUING **WHOM**

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casinos. Following the case Mr Dwek said: "I will be free to create my own business, based on my firm principles and beliefs." Ms Elliott said: "Planet Organic continues to go from strength to strength and I am

relieved our difficulties have been resolved. I wish Jonathan A HONG KONG-BASED manufacturer of computer parts is suing the administrators of a UK

company that went bust last year over ownership of components worth \$430,300 (£265,000). PC Partner of Shan Mel Street, Fo Tan, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong, claims it still Bascrown went bust on 5 January 1998, and Dermot Power and David Swaden of BDO Stoy Hayward's Manchester office were appointed administrators.

which it supplied to Bascrown.

PC Partner is now suing Mr Power and Mr Swaden as well as Bascrown. The company says it wrote to the administrators in February last year saying it had not been paid for the components concerned, and that it retained legal title to them.

The components include master tower cases and motherboards supplied to Bascrown between September 1997 and December of the same year

NATIONAL POWER and British Coal have been sucked into a border dispute over a former open-cast coal mine near Leeds. which was divided between the two enterprises in the lead-up to privatisation.

A third party, White Rose Development Enterprises, now wants to redevelop part of the former mine at Skelton Grange, Newsam, Leeds. This has prompted National Power to go owns a shipment of components to court to clarify exactly how the ownership of the site is based

The saga began when the now-defunct Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) and British Coal decided to do a "land swap" on the disused site in 1987. The CEGB was allotted

Coal ended up with 34 acres. The CEGB was subsequently broken up prior to privatisation in 1990 and National Power ended up owning its portion of the land at Leeds. Now National Power is worried that the original map used to define ownership is too vague to be relied on, and wants the court, in effect, to re-

142 acres of the land and British

National Power says the map used was produced on "too small a scale" and did not identify physical features which had arisen by reason of open-cast mining activities and the creation of lagoons for the disposal of ash from CEGB's power station". To make matters worse the

map was not based on a new survey but on an existing Ordnance Survey map that used a metric grid, says National Power. The deed plan upon which

ownership of the land is divided. uses a grid based on imperial

THE EX-MANAGER of the charttopping girl band All Saints is suing them for breach of contract and unpaid fees after they sacked him last month.

Shaznay Lewis, Melanie Blatt and the Appleton sisters, Nicole and Natalie, announced at the beginning of February that they were no longer working with John Benson.

Arguments over the manager have divided the band, whose hits include "Never Ever" and "Under The Bridge", for about a year Mr Benson, a former session musician who linked with All Saints before their success two years ago, had an alliance with London Records boss Tracy Bennett, who signed the band.

Mr Benson is basing his claim on a management contract he said was signed by the band on 3 December 1996. He says that members of the band told him on 26 January and 2 February that they no longer wanted to work with him, and he has suffered "a substantial loss of reputation" as

Companies reporting and economics diary for the week ahead

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THIS MAY take a little explaining, but I seem to have fallen in love with a chair. It is not any old chair, you understand, but a fantastically sexy model, lithe and bendy and curvaceous and frankly gagging to wrap you in its sinuous embrace. You may look at a photograph of my ravishing discovery (see below right), provided you treat it with respect and decorum, and do not make insulting jokes about its enormous hips. I clapped eyes on this beautiful thing in a design outlet in Is-lington and we bonded at

once; now I am buying six of its gorgeous siblings in different colours, to transform my elderly, humidor-scented, oak-panelled dining room into a super-modern harem of leggy pulchritude.

You may think me perverse. You may be right. It has happened before. Three years ago I fell for a wardrobe. Called a Gentleman's Compacton, it was six feet tall, 70 years old and full of tiny compartments and I used to rest my cheek against its polished mahogany and whisper to it passionately. I ached to climb inside it and file myself away among the gentlemen's plus-fours or the tie stiffeners.

I am not alone in having a secret sexual orientation that is shamelessly furniture-driven. When Christine Keeler was photographed sitting naked astride a severe little black modernist seat, you could tell it was not the first time they had met. And Victorian parlour verse is full of saucy little rhymes in which a desperate old lecher expresses his jealousy ("Oh, most fortunate throne ...") for the rush-bottomed chair upon which his lady love has recently parked her capacious bustle.

This new chair, I learnt, is the Fantastic Plastic Elastic Chair and is designed by Ron Arad and when I rang to check when it was going to be available, they said: "Mr Arad will be signing copies of his chair at the launch." Well, I'll he damned. Is this the first sighting of the design object being marketed with the same hoo-hah that attends the launch of a book, a movie, a couture-house collection?

If Philip Treacy can launch his new line of hats along a catwalk, can Arad spring his bendy chairs on the trendy world along a catwalk? If everyone from Edward Heath to Monica Lewinsky can sign copies of their breathless memoirs, the should Arad not in the seats of his new production? Perhaps we Brummie-rustics drama several thousand times in the past 20 years, but often by accident and rarely with much enthusiasm. swapping of agricultural jargon about organic loam and enervated by the way the cast spend so much time a) sighing, b) conversing in cliches and c) making each other

Now everything has changed. The action has toughened up. The characters have discovered their dark sides. Pat has turned into an imperious termagant, a cross be-tween Betty Boothroyd and Kathy Bates in Misery. She bawled out Clarrie Grundy for putting the wrong date-stamp on her eggs. She tore strips off her son Tommy for making organic sausages on the sty. She has just had a violent row with her daughter about the reputation of the farm. The signs are all too clear - the seething, the sick headaches and that tell-tale mantra of "Could you please just drop it?" If I am any judge of soap operas, she is about to have a nervous breakdown - although a noisy suicide with a shotgun or silage-flail, should such a thing exist, cannot be ruled out.

But everyone seems to be yelling at each other at the moment, from Home Farm to Grey Gables. David bawled out poor Bert Whatshisname for dropping a blender scoop on to a mixer truck, or vice versa, and smashing it to hits. Neil, the posh-sounding contract labourer, vituperated at David for dumping him. William, the feckless bird-lover, was ticked off by his dad for wanting to give up gamekeepng and become an international ballet dancer or something (details were hazy through all that arguing). And Sid Perks, the barman with the dubious fitness regimen, yelled at everyone when he dropped a Bull-

It is all getting very Quentin Tarantino, Violence, conflict, families torn asunder, crashing

worker on his toe.

argue, bitch bitch, complain com- has become of the sleepy Midplain. I have tuned in and out of the lands countryside. Next thing you know, there will be an outbreak of ethnic cleansing.

Should you be planning a trip to Birmingham, I would steer clear. Mostly I have been perplexed by the fust for now, of the dangerous territory known as Former Ambridge.

> ACCORDING TO the results of a Gallup poll out this week, the British are getting seriously keen on clubs. The poll, commissioned by the Britannia Building Society, discovered that being in a club was the "numper one pastime" for 21 million

> people in the United Kingdom. Clubs once meant associations of like-minded people. Then it came to mean places called Boodles or Pratts, having proposers and seconders, wearing biliously coloured ties and taking snuff. When that became too élitist for modern tastes, the only chubs you could be part of were declassé ones (thus Tony Blair's Who's Who entry lists, under Clubs, "Trimdon Colliery and Deaf Hill Working Men's" and "Fishburn Working Men's").

Then it became attached to upmarket wine bars in Soho full of resting scriptwriters. Then "clubbing" meant turning up around midnight at a nasty-looking disco off the Charring Cross Road and begging a grumpy macrocephaloid in a shiny tuxedo to let you go in and spend £60 on dancing, drinking and ingesting something that turned out, on sober inspection, to be French chalk. Now the word has been reclaimed and clubs are once again convocations of enthusiasts, exclusive gatherings of people with a shared interest in string. It seems the

> sponsible. Once hundred people have checked into the website devoted to the films of Virginia Mayo, what could be more natural than to meet to compare stills? Activities that were once province of the anorak and the saddle (dowsing, collecting

> > empty sugar-

cube boxes

Internet is re-

Information Exchange and a club of no-longer-furtive zealots. There are frogman clubs, make-yourown-rocket clubs, Peter Mandelson appreciation clubs.

once we had sat down?

of mine last week in the interval at,

said, cheerily, humming a few bars of "Oh what a Beautiful Mornin'," "though, at the end of the day I preferred whatshisname, Gordon Macrae in the movie. Fancy a geean'-tee?"

No, okay, it did not happen quite like that but be did meet Her Madge last week and has become immensely pleased with himself. She was, be said, a vision in white with lilac splodges the is not on the fashion desk, luckily) as she greeted seven London drama critics, Nicholas De Jongh and Charles Spencer and Benedict Nightingale among them, in the temporarily closed-off royal circle bar of the Lyceum, "How nice for you all to

The assembled drama-crit Objection shalled and justled and tried to remember the Palace of it."

dictats about saying "Ma'am as in Pam, not Ma'arm as in farm", and not asking her questions or trying to bog the conversation. Sheridan Morley boldly namedropped the Prince of Wales ("I was just in New York with your son" - they'd been to the unveiling of a statue to Noel Coward) and Michael Coveney risked being jumped on by royal minders for asking – he just came straight out with it, without so much as a byyour-leave - "Have you enjoyed

lic relations-directed excursion to very different from her visits to civic said HM to the crestfallen backs, "it's just like going to Birmingham



The Grundys, beleaguered 'Archers' family: above from left, Eddie, William, Joe and Clarrie

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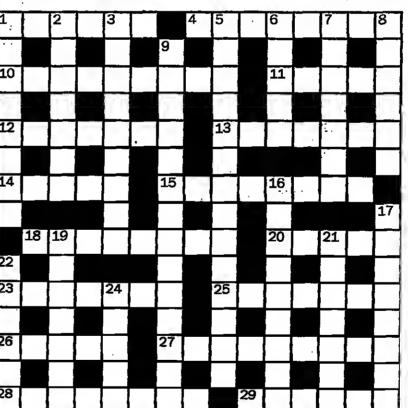
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ON MONDAY will see the new profession of Chair

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pages of the national press. "There's a big furniture fair in Milan next month," Arad told me, "which is just like Fashion Week. We used to throw a party to go with the exhibition, but we'd get 7,000 people coming, and there was so much squeezing and pushing, you could only see the backs of people's necks. We had to pay fines every year when the traffic got blocked

ontside the front door ...' Well well, Plastic furniture - it's the new rock'n'roll.

WHAT ON earth is happening to The Archers? Every me is behaving as saus ees if they were in EastEnders. Argue just look what

machinery, broken limbs. existential despair and gratuitous organic

English Civil War) now each has an Oklohomo! "Not bad is it?" she

Which leaves me with only one concern. The poll's secondary find-

ing is that the average Briton joins six clubs in a lifetime. Right then. Chess Club at school, Arts Club and Guitar Club at university (the latter only briefly: I couldn't do the "Layla" riff in under seven seconds), then Groucho's and the Chelsea Arts — that means I've got just one to go. What will it be? The Ron Arad Chair Appreciation Society? But what would we all do

THE QUIEEN ray into a colleague

have the evening orf," she said.

your day, Ma'am?"

Well, had she enjoyed this pubthe heart of theatreland? Was it centres in the Midlands? "No," - munitary you get a show at the end

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Vialli's men stand defiant

BY GLENN MOORE

Manchester United Chelsea Replay, Wednesday 7.45pm

THEY WERE dogged and determined with concentration etched

across their brows and resounding in their tackles. These adjectives, which epitomised Chelsea's defence in yesterday's FA Cup quarter-final at Old Trafford, used to be absent on their travels, hut under Gianluca Vialli they have become harder to beat than any team in the land. Only three sides have defeated

them in 40 matches this season and, for the third time since November, Manchester United again failed to join that select band. Even the advantage of having an extra man for 40 minutes failed to tilt the balance as United, for only the second time in 26 matches, drew a blank. As if to underline Chelsea's new solidity, they were the successful defence on the other occasion.

The replay, for the right to meet in the semi-final, will be at Stamford Bridge this Wednesday. It could be a lively affair, Roberto Di Matteo, after 45 minutes, and Paul Scholes, after 85, were sent off yesterday. On Wednesday, adding fuel to the simmering flames, Dennis Wise is back from suspension.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

Matches to be played on

Chelsea will also have Frank Leboeuf and Célestine Babayaro back from suspension but United can call on Jaap Stam and Ryan Giggs, respectively suspended and injured yesterday. Alex Ferguson may also decide to start with Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole, he gambled on leaving them on the bench yesterday and paid for it.

"I thought we played well but if we get chances like that we have to take them," Ferguson said. "We did everything but score. We should he the semi-final, we had one or two goiden opportunities - Scholes could have scored four."

He added of Scholes: "He was ent off for an innocuous challenge. The referee is probably the best here is in the country and he should nave used-his experience more han he did. He sent him off to even t up which is wrong."

Vialli, who would not discuss the lismissals, said: "It was not our best erformance for passing and atacking hut it was about spirit and letermination. We were very good

Chelsea's defence was centred on he magnificent Marcel Desailly. He is a winner and he is a bit more ngry now than when he first came nd that makes a difference." Vialli aid. "After the World Cup it was difcult to make such a huge change or Italy to England and find initration after winning [the World

Cupl but he is now performing at his best which is nice because this is the crucial moment of the season. He is a player who, when the task is diffi-

cult, looks to his inner strength." The absence of Yorke and Cole had undoubtedly helped Desailly hut he was just as commanding when they belatedly arrived. Before then Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had been alone in attack and, with Phil Neville deputed to man-mark Gianfranco Zola, United had a defensive look at odds with their desire to avoid a

Chelsea were similarly under-

strength though this owed less to choice than to the constraints imposed by suspension and injury which robbed Vialli of seven senior players, including himself.

United may have appeared negative in shape hut they were not so in spirit hut, though they pushed forward eagerly, they failed to create a genuine chance before the 38th minute. Then Gary Neville, of all people, almost put them ahead with a diving header from Beckham's beautifully-judged cross. The ball skimmed off his head to strike the far post before being hacked clear.

come though that seemed unlikely when, as half-time approached, Di Matteo was dismissed. Booked for a late tackle on Beckham after 25 minutes he was cautioned again for a similar lunge at Scholes. On neither occasion did he hurt the player, and on the second he appeared to be attempting to pull out, hut both were within yards of Durkin who had already made it clear he was going to referee by the book. It was the eighth dismissal suffered by Chelsea

Chelsea re-organised by with-

It was as close as United were to drawing Petrescu, who had been a negligible influence as skipper, and replacing him with Eddie Newton who immediately became their seventh captain of the season. They then pulled in the wagons and invited United to break them down.

They could not. There was no lack of chances, with United having 24 goal attempts across the 90 minutes, but only five were on target. The best chances fell to Beckham, who spooned his shot over when set up by Scholes, and Scholes himself. He brought two great saves from De Goey, a diving stop after 57 minutes

Mancbester United substitute Dwight Yorke dissects the Chelsea defence with this overhead kick in the FA Cup sixth-round tie at Old Trafford yesterday and a leaping tip over the bar with

15 minutes of the match remaining. Instead of being the hero Scholes ended the villain. Harshly booked for fouling Petrescu just before the break he went for a chimsy challenge on Goldbaek.

United, who have beaten Chelsea in the FA Cup three times in the last five seasons, will not fear a trip to London. "We've a good record down there," Ferguson said. Both he and Vialli agreed that Arsenal, already with the lightest fixture load, were the day's winners. "They are favourites for the League now,"

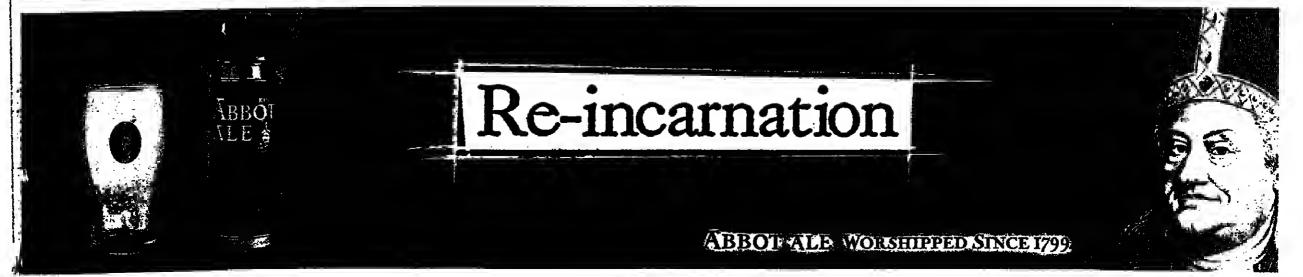
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we're still in the Cup and we've got

added the United manager, "but

United await takeover

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A plate of chips and a Cornish pasting

CHELSEA AGAINST Liverpool travelling very far. The westseemed an attractive prospect last weekend: the multinational entertainers against the former greats struggling to make sense of their season.

has been harder since I left the Football Association: arrangements are not so easily made, and other factors often intrude. On this occasion my new wife wanted to visit Cornwall to regale her relatives with the details of our nuptials

The long drive from the edge of the Fens on a wet Fri-day evening is not improved by Had, surprisingly, known that Bodmin played in yellow. much left of the day when we finally arrived near St Austell, so on Saturday I did not relish

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ern-most fixture in the Screwfix Direct Western League appeared to be at Bideford. Rather than seize the

chance to ouiz the gentlemen However choosing a match or ladies of Screwiix about their experience of sponsoring football, I decided we would find a match nearer our base. The Jewson South Western

League operates further west. so Wadebridge Town v Bodmin Town was ideal. Great nephew Jason, a nine-year-old longdistance Liverpool supporter,

the Highways Agency's apologies for delay. There was not Bodieve Park shortly after the 2.30pm kick off, we knew right away the early strike from the

Wadebridge boasts "ample cover on page 716 of the Non-League Directory. It may be ample for their average attendance, but the small terrace in question could not accommodate many of the 126 fans who

enjoyed this Cornish derby. Half-time came with the score at 2-0. We asked the groundsman whether Wadehridge would struggle to hold their lead with the wind and slope against them. He seemed to take umbrage at our unintended slur on his pitch. "It's the same for both teams," be gruffly replied.

Perhaps it was, but the visitors, Bodmin, never adapted to the unique contours. The Wadebridge striker, Mark team in red was a home goal. Rapsey, scored a bat-trick, extent that I was offered a



GRAHAM KELLY

missed a penalty and strongly urged me to recommend him to Kevin Keegan as we chatted after the 4-0 home win.

The Cornish hospitality was as warm as usual, even to the

guest appearance in the Wade- admit to 36 or 38. After introbridge veterans team the following morning. My playing reputation had clearly pre-

So, early Sunday found us on very precise directions to a delightful little sailing and holiday spot, Mawnan Smith, near Falmonth. The hosts were cleanwhen I entered the tiny dress-

Soon after, the bus carrying the Wadebridge team and supporters (six wives) wound its way down the narrow lane to the ground, the driver having lost his way twice.

Players of my vintage always vie for the shorts with the 34 inch waist. No one will

ductions I surreptitiously squeezed into the only 38 in the kithag. It seemed to me that the much laundered No 12 shirt. allegedly a large, had somehow the road again, following some shrunk to become a smallmedium. The playing kit thus rendered any sharp turns to-

tally out the question. As I went out to warm up (it ing mud out of the showers only takes me two minutes nowadays, otherwise my game is badly affected), I realised that it was going to be a difficult match. The pitch was choppy, the breeze formidable and the slope, again, considerable.

> However, all went well. I struck up an instant understanding with my new teammates, who realised after their

attempts to control it and rolled speedily towards the Channel that I wanted passes to feet. I am a deceptive footballer, slower than I look. We won 4-0 to complete a successful double for Wadebridge. After the opponents, whether the taumin obligatory group photograph are of a racist, sexist or mereand a plate of chips, we said our

with the newspapers for the long journey home. Robbie Fowler had reportedly made a disgusting gesture to Graeme Le Saux. Now while the Laws of the Game say that a player must be sent off if he is heard by the referee to use offensive, insulting or abusive language, there is insufficient punishment for obscene gestures. The offending player

first through ball eluded my can be cautioned for unsport ing behaviour, but this is not enough. There should be an

offence of gross unsporting behaviour. Nor can the referee be expected to hear the verbal exchanges that occur between

ly abusive nature. farewells and I settled down Sledging needs to be outlawed by a Professional Foot. ballers' Association edict. If the Fowler-Le Saux bust on leads to the players (and the managers) agreeing to stamp out verbal wind-ups, then all the fuss will have been worth.

> But sadly the fresh air o Cornwall already seems a dis-



Chris Perry, the Wimbledon central defender, tracks Leicester City's danger man, Tony Cottee, at Selhurst Park during Saturday's Premiership confrontation Allsport

Guppy strike stops rot at Leicester

THERE WAS SOMETHING TERRIBLY BY ADAM SZKETER ironic in an item carried in Saturday's programme, on a page evidently printed before last Wednesday night. It said: "Joe Kinnear made history in midweek, with the game at Sheffield Wednesday, when he became the longest serving manager in Wimbledon's League history. Jue equalicat Dave Bassett's 283 League games in charge with the 1 I draw at Everton before clocking up the record-breaking

club, Spurs, in the previous month, and having expended

No score draws (0): NONE

Leicester City

way Wimbledon's season was in danger of falling apart. So when news came through of their 2-1 victory in Sheffield to follow two battling draws with Everton and Aston Vina, it was hard not to think, "Good old Joe, he's turned them round again."

Then came the announcement that he had suffered a be a classic, and so it proved. Beame at Hullsborough."

heart attack an nour or so before Wednesday night's both cup competitions by his old game. If any Premiership manager deserves a good, long rest it would be Kinnear and even

spend saturday afternoon in his on the positive aspects of the ospital bed, rather than watching this miserable match.

The second-lowest crowd of the season had turned out to greet the Worthington Cup finalists, and those who stayed away probably enjoyed a fine afternoon. The meeting of the two clubs who, more then any others, have won placents and admit ation for their ability simply to survive in the top flight over the past few seasons was never likely to

The small crowd, the bumpy pitch and, frankly, the quality of the football made it akin to watching a practice match at times. In the circumstances it considerable energy along the he might have been glad to would be appropriate to dwell

game and ignore both teams' shortcomings, but the plain fact is that, Steve Guppy's wonderful winning strike from distance in the sixth minute apart, there were precious few.

For Wimbledon Marcus Gayle went close with a header in first-half injury-time and 10 minutes after the break, with Frenchman Pegguy Arphexad replacing the injured Kasey Keller in the Leicester goal, Jason Euell had an equaliser mysteriously ruled out, possibly for offside. John Hartson, back after his four-match suspension, made no impact after coming on for Efan Ekoku a

second half and Tony Cottee squandered a couple of halfchances, but nothing was going to stop their manager, Martin O'Neill, savouring the arrest of their recent bad run of results that had threatened to overshadow the trip to Wembley in a ormigues dine. "It's the usual thing," O'Neill said. "We thought we were bet-

Leicester midway through the

ter than our position, but you're never better than your position, so today was massive for us." He added that Keller's withdrawal was merely a precaution.

"Hopefully Joe was asleep and hasn't heard the result,"

Steve walsh hit the bar for wimbledon along with Mick

Harford in Kinnear's absence. "It's been a traumatic week. Maybe the seriousness of his illness has started to sink in for the players, but hopefully we can put it behind us. One of the major incidents in this club's history has happened - we don't want to make excuses but i. prus inomali into perspective." Gual: Guppy (6) 0-1.
Witholdedon (4-3-3): Sullivan: Cunningham Perry, Thatcher, Kimble: Roberts, Euell, Earler; Broke (Hartson, 56). M Hughes (C Hughes, 75), Gayle. Substitutes not used: Ardier, Cort, Heald (gk).
Leliouscer City (3-5-2): Keiter Jurphesad, h-t): Elliott, Laggart, Walsh: Kaamark, Sange, Lennon, Izec, Guppy, Cottee, Marshall, Substitutes not used: Gunnlaugsson, Fenton, Impey, Zagorakis.
Rafferse: R Ham's (Oxford).
Booking: Witholedon: C Hughes.
Man of the match: Guppy. tentious red card.

As Gordon Strachan said, had you been watching events unfold on Teletext you might not have given Coventry much hope after Charlton went ahead and the home side's John Aloisi

the same without Coventry teetering on the brink, Mid-table is all very well but, given that they are unlikely ever to win the title, it is only by jousting with disaster from time to time that they give meaning to their

Coventry well

placed to shift

the pressure

On occasions this season they have looked far too good to be mentioned even as outside candidates for relegation. Yet there they stood on Saturday morning, one place - one point -above the bottom three, Good they may be but not, regrettably. every week.

ball season just would not be

During 32 years in the top division, luck has frequently been their friend, casting misfortune on somebody else at the critical moment. This season they might not need it. Half of their remaining 10 games are against sides, like themselves, whose survival cannot be guaranteed. Three of those provide their next three home fixtures. against Blackburn (next Saturday), Southampton and Mid-

Thus can Coventry influence the fate of others as well as determine their own. It is an opportunity they cannot think of passing up, especially with a new ground in the offing. Fine facilities are all well and good but even the smartest stadium loses its lustre if the football played within is second rate.

But the run-in has begun well enough. Coventry were superb at Aston Villa and full of character on Saturday, the catalyst on both occasions the perceptiveness and general authority of Gary McAllister in central midfield. Here they put three vital points between themselves and Chariton - also contenders for the drop, of course - even after losing a player to a con-

was sent off, all in the space of 90 seconds.

AFTER ALL these years, a foot- BY JON CULLEY

Charlton Athletic

Aloisi, fêted after scoring tug. of the four goals his side put pag Villa, was the casualty of a run ning battle with Charlton Danny Mills, whom, he allege had been sledging through the match as well as leaving studmarks on his chest. Their it tle spat was not in the Fowle Le Saux bracket but unseen none the less. Aloisi was fool to react but had cause to fee hard done by after Mills at sponded to an outstretched and as if punched by Mike Tyson.

The incident reshaped the match, but not to the benefit of Charlton, whom their manage er, Alan Curbishley, said had not known how to win against 16 angry opponents. "I wanted people to be upfield, keeping their players away from our goal," he said. "But when they attacked us we panicked. We pulled people behind the ball but they weren't doing and thing, weren't marking pe

Coventry did know what? do and scored twice in the last 24 minutes, first through Nog Whelan, who took up a striken position after Aloisi's red card. having started as suspended George Boateng's replacent on the right of midfield, and

then Trond Soltvedt. The Norwegian midheider whose goals this season have. been scored as substitute. pulled off the trick for the third. time, with the help of a deflect tion off - somewhat aptly after a week discussing the hind quarters of a footballer's anatomy - Danny Mills's bottom. Goals: Robinson (55) 0-1: Whelan

Contentry City (A-4-2): Hedman; Nisson Shaw, Williams, Burrows; Whelan, Tello McAllistm, Froggatt; Hockerby (Softwar 75), Alossi, Switchtubers not used; Konje, Gloocchini, Shitton, Ogizovic (gli).
Charlton, Athletic (B-5-2): Royce Mik



This Saturday there were 9 score draws:

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Saints take diabolical liberties and prosper

ting pretty for once in the middle of the table, ended West Ham's ambitions of European football with a devil-may-care 4-2 win at Upton Park. This season they are playing a more familiar game of devil-takethe-hindmost, and as well as undermining the London club's aspirations again, Saturday's much closer victory offered renewed hope of escaping Old

Nick's clutches. It was a fourth home success in a row, but the pressure to keep winning at The Dell already fierce - will increase further if Dave Jones's team continue to falter on the road. After the Middlesbrough match on Sunday, their next trip is to Coventry on Easter Monday, which is a date to be ringed on all those Hampshire Countryside calendars, along with the visits from Blackburn (17 April) and Everton in a potential epic on the last day of the season.

On their own tight little pitch in front of supportive capacity crowds, and with an attacking formation, Southampton have dropped only two points since November Picking both Matt Le Tissier and Hassan

LAST APRIL, Southampton, sit- BY STEVE TONGUE

West Ham United

Kachloul behind two strikers gives their opponents something to think about most of the time, though to be fair to Jones. it is easy to see that his suspect defence does not then get the protection it needs. Although Le Tissier made

one important goalline clearance on Saturday, his hest friends would not claim tracking opposing midfielders as a strength, and Kachloul's weakness in the same area meant that for long periods West Ham were able to attack at will down his flank Unfortunately, Ian Pearce, a big, strong centrehalf, spent the second half playing there, his wild shot over the bar from six yards out the result of having such an obviously square peg in a round hole.

Marc Keller and Eyal Berkovic were also guilty of bad misses from close in. When Trevor Sinclair shot more accurately, Paul Jones made two excellent saves, Scott Hiley backing him up on the second

believe we haven't taken anything from the game." lamented Harry Redknapp, the manager. "I couldn't fault the effort, but the final bit of quality in delivering the ball or hitting the back of the net was Good fortune was hiding, as

well, when Southampton mounted their first attack in the 10th minute, at which point West Ham had already had four scoring opportunities. Kachloul's drive would have gone straight to Shaka Hislop, but Rio Ferdinand's unnecessary deflection deceived the cooler Shaka and slid inside his right-hand post. Even if the Saints are

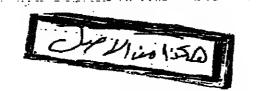
granted some of that sort of luck on their travels in the next six weeks, staying up will still be devilishly difficult.

devalishly difficult.
Goal: Kachloul (10) 1-0.
Southampton (4-4): Jones: Hiley, Landelman, Benall, Colleter: Oakley, Le Tester (Ripley, 85), Marsden, Kachlout: Beattle, Mrighes, Sohatkanes not used: O Hughes, Bridge, Mess. Marshall (gk).
West: Ham: United (3-5-2): Hislop: Pearce, Ferdinand, Ruddock Lomas, Lampard, Foé (Kitson, 71), Berkovic, Keller: Shcialr, Di Cano. Substitubes not used: Minto, Moncur, Potts, Fortest (gk).
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Man of the match: Jones.

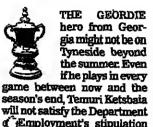


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Geordie hero has Georgia in mind



d Employment's stipulation that foreign legionnaires in English football must appear in 75 per cent of their cluh's matches to have their work permit renewed.

had been sent home already. The main reason the Toffeemen came unstuck on a cloying St James' Park pitch was the strikingly different forward with the strikingly polished pate.

He scored twice and set up an Alan Shearer goal as Newcastle moved within one match of returning to the twin domes of Wembley for the FA Cup final. They did so under the guidance of Raud Gullit, who lifted the old tin pot with C'elsea two years ago, but. ironically, with the vital assistance of two bargain huys he inherited from the manager who presided over Newcastle's Cup final embarrassment against Arsenal last May.

Kenny Dalglish could have been excused a wry smile in the television commentary box as he watched Ketsbaia and George Georgiadis, who scored Newcastle's crucial second goal, steer his old club into the semi-finals. He hrought the former to St James' Park on a free-transfer from AEK Athens and the latter from Panathinaikos for £450,000. It was his successor, though, who wore the broadest smile afterwards. "We are going in the right direction," (llit said. "The players are returned it with interest, his responding well to what we want to do here. I think sometimes they don't believe how

good they can play." Everton have not won st St James' since Boxing Day 1986, en route to their second championship under Howard from the left that led to Kets-

BY SIMON TURNBULL

Newcastle United Everton

defence yesterday but they were found short of trophywinning quality in the final half-an hour.

That they were short of luck, too, was evident from the 10th minute, when Francis Jeffers shot across the face of the home goal after Nick Barmby found the teenager unmarked Everton were left wishing he on the left angle of the Newcastle penalty area. Fortune did not favour them in the 20th minute either

The right-foot shot Ketsbaia delivered from 20 yards would have been tipped wide by Thomas Myhre had it not taken a deflection off Marco Materazzi on its way towards the Leazes End goal. The build-up, however, was worthy of reward Shearer having flicked Silvio Maric's ball from the left invitingly into the path of his striking partner

the hreak. With Don Hutchison pushed forward and Barmby scheming impishly, Everton took control for quarter-of-an-

They drew level in the 57th minute, David Unsworth unleashing an unstoppahle left-foot shot from the fringe of the Newcastle penalty area. The tide, however, turned decisively against them five

Hutchison left Shearer in a heap 25 yards from goal and Myhre was unable to hold on to the low free-kick Dietmar Hamann swept into the goalmouth. Materazzi tried to back the loose ball clear but Georgiadis, a 54th-minute substitute for the debutant Maric,

low shot rubbing salt into the took a deflection off him on its way into the net. Georgiadis, 27 today, was

utes. It was his rolled pass Kendali. They still had Dave baia's second goal, though it whistle. After the Georgian Watson at the heart of their was no formality for the Geor- and Georgiadis, it was left to a



Italian defender's wounds as it marker before beating Myhre with a sweetly-struck left foot

It gave Newcastle the luxucelebrating again after 73 min-ry of a two-goal cushion but they ventured further into the comfort zone before the final

from time.

goal that spoke volumes for the fluent football Gullit has slowly teased from his team in his six months on Tyneside. Hamann launched the move

foot shot - after exchanging passes with Ketsbaia, who had to elude three defenders to

keep the attack in motion. The hope on Tyneside today is that Newcastle can somehow keep the Georgian Geordie.

on, Debizas, Howey, Domit Solano, Lee, Hamaru, Maric (Georgiadis, 54); Shearer, Rectbala, Sabstitudes soc assect Charvet, Saha, Brady, Harper (gk). Everson, (4-4-2); Myhre; Wek, Watson, Materazzi, O'Kane; Barmby, Unsworth, Hutchison, Grant Jeffers (Oster, 74), Cardamarteri (Balayoko, 74), Sebastitudes soc usedi. Short. Branch, Smonsen (gk). Referee: G Barber (Surrey).

Bookings: Newcastle: Borton, Dabizas:
Everton: Hutchison.

ditional spectators at Bramall

Lane on Saturday, diverted

from Barnsley's snowed-off FA

Cup tie with Tottenham, These

scouts in the audience.

former Blades and Blackpool

winger Colin, is a forward.

Together with Paul Devlin and

the Brazilian Marcelo they

destroyed a Watford side which

had begun the day in sixth

place, six points ahead of

Morris, previously played

as a winger, was outstanding as

a roving forward playing off

Marcelo. Quick-footed and

will be playing, today, for Eng-

land Under-18s against Spain

in a Uefa tournament. In a fur-

ther indication of the need to

Sheffield

Bergkamp blows aside Smith plan

THIS IS what Arsene Wenger By KEN JONES had to say about the referee Steve Dunn, who repeatedly came under fire from Arsenal's supporters during the FA Cup quarter-final against Derby County on Saturday: "It was a difficult match for him."

If we are used to Wenger's diplomacy, and there is legitimate cause for concern about the standard of match year ago we knew that it was officials generally, Dunn deserved more credit that the crowd was prepared to give him.

The difficulty Arsenal's manager had in mind sprang from Derby's deployment of Lee Carsley as a policeman on Dennis Bergkamp and their determination to make life difficult for the Cup holders.

This led quickly to a heavy looked fair enough and would prove so under television scrutiny.

The trouble is - and the anthorities are greatly to blame for this - supporters have been introduced to the notion of a game without heavy physical contact and weighted in favour of the artist.

A personal point of view is that despite his issue of nine yellow cards and dismissing Dean Sturridge for disputing the legitimacy of Arsenal's last-minnte winner, Dunn did his best to keep the game

That very few Arsenal supporters agreed was evident from calls made later to David Mellor's pompously presented Saturday night radio programme. It appears that none took into account the problems Wenger had identified when speaking about the 1-0 victory that kept Arsenal on course for a second successive Double, As for Mellor, while there is plenty of room for improvement in referees it will not be achieved by his egotistical hectoring.

Jim Smith's philosophical acceptance of another FA Cup disappointment - 30 years in the game without a Wembley appearance - was a healthy reminder that there are sounder men than Mellor in positions of

"We came with a plan and it almost worked," he mused. "It's hard to lose with only 53 seconds left hut that's cup football. In any case I don't sit at home thinking about how great it would be to lead a team out in the Cup final. "That's more your minds. My priority

Derby County

is leàgue football, doing well in the Cup is just a bonus."

Wenger pointed out that he could be hetter placed to emulate last season's splendid achievements. "At this time a possible to become champions by winning all our games and drew a First Division cluh [Wolverhampton] in the semi-finals," he said. "Now we

need Manchester United and

Chelsea to lose while we are

With less than a minute of normal time left on Saturday the Arsenal manager was facing the prospect of a difficult tackle on Bergkamp that replay. Then Bergkamp slipped Carsley's clutches to win a corner that would fall luckily for the substitute Nwankwo Kanu to turn and

> hook in the winner. Derby deserved better hut paid again for not being able to match defensive efficiency (third best in the Premiership) with purposeful attacking. "It's been a big problem all season," Igor Stimac, the centre-half, said. "We just don't take our chances," Smith nodded in rueful agreement. "We had opportunities in the first half but it was the same old story. After that we were always under pressure.

Unable to establish contact with their attackers, giving the ball away too cheaply when they did, Derby provided Arsenal with plenty of opportunities to press forward and Ray Parlour with room to compensate for the absence of Emmanuel Petit and Patrick Vieira, "The fact that we had 19 shots speaks for itself, Wenger said.

Maybe, hut statistics are unfair to Derby's well organised grit and a dedicated response to the plan that Smith laid out for them.

Gaal; Kanu (90) 1-0.
Arsenal (4-4-2): Seaman; Dixon.
Keown, Adams, Winterburn; Ljungberg (Kanu, 60). Parlour, Hughes (Wass, 46), Overmaars [Diamora, 77]; Aneika.

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Old Firm Cup final on the cards Demand for young

THE DRAW for the semi-finals of the Tennent's Scottish Cup has opened the door for the first Ord Firm final for 10 years.

Rangers, who struggled for long periods in their 2-1 win over Falkirk yesterday, were drawn with St Johnstone who had beaten Motherwell on Tonight Celtic are at Morton,

the winners meeting either Ayr United or Dundee United, who meet in the fourth quarter-final on Saturday.

Darren Dods and Miguel Simao were the heroes for St

MANCHESTER UNITED'S

European Cnp quarter-final

opponents, Internazionale, fell

to another defeat yesterday

when they lost 1-0 away to Bari

Yksel Osmanovski struck in

the 43rd minute to give Bari

their first victory in two months

and condemn Inter to their

sixth match without a win. The

Former Bari striker, Nicola

Ventola, had the visitors' best

chance to score but mis-kicked

take of scoring first against

Lazio, who then replied with six

of their own. Briefly, Salernitana

looked like repeating last No-

vember's home win over Lazio

when Ighli Vanucchi scored in

the 31st minute and nearly acded a second in the 33rd

when his shot was cleared off

fore the league leaders - pos-

sible opponents for Chelsea in

the climax of the Cup-Winners'

Negro levelled to the 44th be-

the line by Paolo Negro.

from point-blank range. Salernitana made the mis-

in Serie A.

SCOTTISH ROUND-UP

BY DAVID MCKINNEY

Park, while the Rangers coach, Dick Advocaat, expressed disappointment with his team's display against Falkirk, of the First Division

Neil McCann and Lorenzo Amoruso were on target hut after David Moss had equalised McCann's goal, Stefan Klos. the Rangers goalkeeper, had to rescue his side on several oc-

"There were some very poor take on a Morton side managed

ROUND-UP

Cup-ran away with the match

after the breakthrough goals

from Christian Vieri, two from

Marcelo Salas, an own goal by

Salvatore Fresi and a last-

minute effort from Alessandro

Nesta. Lazio are now two

matches short of equalling last

season's club record of 16

eague matches without defeat

scare when Parma's Enrico

Chiesa hit the bar in the fourth

minute to win 2-1 with goals

from setpieces by the Belgian

Luis Oliveira - only his second

goal of the season - direct from

a free-kick and Rui Costa with

a penalty. The Croatian Mario

first-half against Piacenza,

Milan scored in the 43rd minute

when Oliver Bierhoff caught

Valerio Fiori off his line with a

Despite an unimpressive

Stanic scored for Parma.

Fiorentina survived an early

BY CLIVE WHITE

performances," Advocaat said. by one of their former employ-"Falkirk did well. They were well organised st the back and

looked fresher than us today". The semi-final against St Johnstone has again paired the League Cup finalists of earlier in the season, with Rangers winning 2-1 on that occasion. But Sandy Clark, the St

Johnstone manager, commented: "We have played Rangers a few times this season and have been getting closer to them, so hopefully this time we can go one better." Celtic travel to Greenock to

looping header that went in off the bar and held on to it until the

finish. Piacenza had Cleto Polo-

nia sent off for a second book-

able offence in the 55th minute.

lead in the Spanish first division

to four points with a comfort-

able 4-1 win at Salamanca while

Real Mallorca surprisingly lost

2-0 at lowly Alaves. Valencia

Barcelona extended their

show in what will be the last big occasion to be held at their antiquated Cappielow Ground. Dundee United overcame the challenge of First Division Clydebank after a replay, and as Paul Sturrock's side has struggled in the tournament they can anticipate a tough tie at Ayr, where Kilmarnock were beat-

ees. Billy Stark was assistant to

Tommy Burns for three years

at Celtic: he has spent much of

this week playing down talk of

revenge, but will be determined

that his side puts up a good

Ian Wallace has pleaded with Dumbarton to tell him why he has been suspended as manager. Wallace was told by the club chairman Douglas Dalgleish after the 2-0 defeat by East Stirling yesterday to stay away from the Scottish Third Division club while an inquiry is carried out.

Jim Farry has protested his innocence in the Jorge Cadete affair that led to his suspension as Scottish Football Association chief executive. He faces judgement at Hampden Park today when the SFA Council

Inter taste defeat again Hammam tribute to retiring Jones

THE WIMBLEDON owner, Sam ple will be talking about Vinnie Hammam, yesterday paid tribute to Vinnie Jones after the decision by the game's foremost hard-man to retire. Jones, sent off 13 times in a controversial career both on and off the field. is hoping to become a Hollywood film star.

leap-frogged over the island side into second place with a 4-1 against Athletic Bilbao. Goals from Luis Figo, Luis Enrique and Patrick Kluivert put Barcelona 3-0 up at halftime, with substitute Sonny Anderson restoring their threegoal advantage after Martin Cardetti had scored for Salamanca.

Real Madrid just managed to stay in touch with the leading group as they scraped home 3-2 against Real Zaragoza, thanks to Raul Gonzalez's injury-time winner, to give their new coach John Toshack his first win. Results, page 4

The 35-year-old midfielder's final club was Queen's Park Rangers, but he made his name as a leading member of the Crazy Gang at Wimbledon. He also played for Leeds United. Sheffield United, Chelsea and Wimbledon again. "I've decided to quit football. I've had enough of this game." said Jones, who starred in the acclaimed film Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels.

Hammam said: "He was no Bryan Robson nor Paul Gascoigne but he had ability. He has his football generation and peo-

Jones for a number of years." The Premier League have insisted that players will not lose out financially when they are on England duty. Premiership clubs are investigating a

proposal by Sepp Blatter, the Fifa president, that they should be paid compensation by national associations when players are on international duty. This had led to concern from the Professional Footballers' Association over players losing out as their clubs would want a slice of the commercial spinoffs they pick up with England as compensation.

Prince Charles is to back England's bid to host the 2006 World Cup with a reception for leading football figures at his bome of Highgrove. The dinner, to which the key decision-makbeen one of the characters of ers have been invited, will take place on FA Cup final weekend.

THERE WERE a number of ad- BY GLENN MOORE

Blades bothers Bruce

Sheffield United Watford

included journalists, Tottenand international fixtures he ham supporters and half-amay then be asked to play a dozen weekending Icelandic part in Sheffield United's First fans but, though all should have Division match at Portsmouth enjoyed Sheffield United's attomorrow. Steve Bruce, Unittractive win over Watford, the ed's manager, said he was reluctant to do so but added his most rewarding time will have team "desperately" needed been had by any Premiership They will have returned to One suspects Bruce will rest

their clubs with two names to Morris, but he has at least negotiated Woodhouse's release pass on to their bosses: Curtis as part of the "deal" that sent Woodhouse and Lee Morris. Both 18 years of age, both in the Morris to Spain. While Morris England youth squad and both making an impact in the has only recently come into the United first team Woodhouse Nationwide League's First Division with Sheffield United has been in it all season and Bruce was even more loath to They are long-time friends, lose him. His performances having grown up together in the Yorkshire village of Driffield and in the club's youth teams. against Arsenal in the FA Cup had underlined his promise and, though forced on Saturday Woodhouse, the elder by 13 to play in a wider role, he days, is a busy and perceptive showed the same eye for a midfielder, Morris, the son of pass and pluck for a tackle as

he had at Highbury. Ideally both would play for England: such experiences are beneficial to young players. However, Bruce's priority has to be United's promotion attempt. They are now within three points of the play-off zone and, like a dozen teams in this tightest of divisions, approach the season's end with hope. "There are a lot of points to play cuick-witted he showed why he for and it will go down to the

wire," said Bruce. He added: "Woodhouse has been terrific all season while Morris has his confidence back resolve - at all levels - the after suffering a bad ankle ridiculous congestion of club injury at the start of the season.

He posed them problems all afternoon.

Watford have their own young players hut the most promising Gifton Nocl-Williams was absent with injury. Without him their attack relied upon Tommy Mooney. He caused problems, but failed to score from a series of good chances.

Had he taken either of the brace offered after 15 minutes Watford may have won, both sides having come to the game with dwindling confidence.

United then scored three goals in 13 minutes. A sweeping move, from left-back to rightwing, led to Morris cleverly laymg the ball back for Devlin to score a heavily deflected first. Then Morris scored a fine individual goal, shooting in from a tight angle. The third, driven in by Ian Hamilton after Alec Chamberlain had fumbled a cross under pressure from Marcelo, settled the points.

Neither club are flush with cash for strengthening hut could, in a tight division, find their way into the play-offs. But promotion would necessitate heavy investment to avoid being followed by an instant return. More likely is a Premiership raid for the likes of Woodhouse and Morris,

Goals: Deviln (3S) 1-0; Morris (44) 2-0; Hamilton (50) 3-0. Sheffield United (4-4-2): Kelly (Tracey, h-d): Derry, Sandford, Holdsworth, Quim: Devin, Ford (Twiss, 80), Hamilton, Wood-house: Marcelo, Morris, Substitute nog

Weet: Jecobsen.
Whatford (4-4-2): Chamberlain; Bazeley,
Ward, Ralmer, Robinson; Wright (Gibbs,
55), Hyde, Hazan (Iroha, 69), Kennedy:
Smart (Smith, 55), Mooney.
Rafforce: R Pearson (Peterice).
Bookings: United: Morris, Derry Wietrord: Robinson.

Man of the match: Morris. Attendance: 15,943.



THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS

EDITED BY JON CULLEY



Robson defends letting 'the Juventus boy' go

MIDDLESBROUGH MANAG- after creating a good impres-ER Bryan Robson may have been spared another weekend of distressing headlines about his private life but the former England captain still finds over his ability, ... otherwise, to spot a hadding star.

This follows the astonishconsidered not good enough for the Riverside has signed a five-year-deal with the Italian champions, Juventus.

Former Irish youth international Ronnie O'Brien is joining the Italians in July instant reply from Robson,

sion during the European Youth Championships - won by the Republic - in Cyprus

"Bryan Robson doesn't like

The jibe prompted an

To Hull and back for Joyce's star striker

IF INJURIES, illness and sus- due last week, Hull simply pensions do not give a football could not find the cash. manager headaches enough then spare a thought for Hull City's Warren Joyce.

The Tigers manager, whose side occupy 91st place in the League, had to exclude Reames, insisted on the full fee his newly-signed star striker from the line-up to face Mansfield on Saturday - because the club could not afford the chairman, Tom Belton, who

Hull, desperately trying to David Lloyd after the tennis sustain their revival under millionaire had threatened to Joyce, signed Colin Alcide close the club. Belton had from Lincoln a month ago, described the signing of Alcide reportedly for a £50,000 fee. The as a reward to Tigers fans for striker scored on his debut at their loyalty, but was reluctant. Brentford 24 hours later.

Reports suggest, however. that only £10,000 changed hands at the time and when he said. "That's all I'm prethe balance - plus VAT - fell pared to say,"

Robson did not rate him himself under fire - this time and had already paid him off, prompting the youngster to take a lead from former Middlesbrough striker Fabrizio ing story that a youngster he Ravanelli in taking a parting shot at the manager as he left.

anything yet. Good luck to young players. He said that to us. He prefers experience," him. I hope he does really well and proves me wrong. But nobody we have released has made it in the top flight, and I don't think Ronnie will." O'Brien said.

Alcide wanted to stay and

the club reportedly offered an-

other £10,000 to postpone set-

tlement for another month but

the Lincoln chairman, John

The situation is an embar-

rassing one for Hull's new

succeeded the unpopular

to discuss the matter at the

weekend. "We've not heen

able to reach an agreement,"

or the return of his player.

KEY NUMBERS

record with young players.
"Ask Rohbie Stockdale

whether I like younger play-

ers," Robson said, referring to

one teenager holding down a

place in the side. "If kids are

good enough I like them, if not I have no time for them.

hecause Ronnie has gone to

Juventus, but he hasn't done

"People hit the ceiling

O The Premiership teams without a sending-off this season after Coventry's John Aloisi spolled the last unblemished record on Saturday

9 Sunderland's run of consecutive home wins, a post-war club record

5,000 The pounds Preston manager David Moyes has spent in taking his team to second place in the Second Division behind Fulham

I TOLD YOU SO

[Francesco] Baiano is similar to Bergkamp. It's people like that who we need to be playing

Goalkeeper Russell Hoult, whose opinion Jim Smith holds in such regard that he left the Italian on the bench as Arsenal knocked Derby out of the Cup

PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE WEST DAVID UNSWORTH Everton GEORGE GEORGIADIS

Missing... making it... and mistaken



DAVID HIRST SOUTHAMPTON

Probably the least fulfilled footballer in the country, the perpetually injured former Sheffield Wednesday and England striker has not played for Southampton at all this term after injuring a knee in pre-season training. The 31-year-old has tested his fitness at reserve-team level and hopes to make a comeback against Wednesday on 20 March.



MATTHEW ETHERINGTON PETERBOROUGH

Having caught the eye with a string of impressive performances for Barry Fry's Third Division side. the 17-year-old forward looks poised to join a Premiership squad before transfer deadline day. Newcastle and West Ham are interested but Fry is said to be close to striking a £1.5m deal with



Bruce Springsteen may he the number one idol of Villa's own Boss but those dark, brooding good looks
- not to mention the sharp Italian suits - surely owe something to De Niro. Own up, John, you've got Goodfellas on video, haven't you?



THIRO DIVISION

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Sullivan tipped for a, £5m move to Anfield

day People both reckon on move rejected by the Villa Neil Sullivan being the latest striker - the Sunday People target for Liverpool as the insists that Collymore's Villa Merseyside giants bid to find team-mates are close to a top-quality goalkeeper. The Mirror says a £4.5m deal is in ment handed to the stressedthe offing the Sunday People out striker. The Sunday 25m. Meanwhile, the Express says another switch of goalkeepers could see Kevin Pressman move to Leicester when Kasey Keller's Filbert they can offload Pierre van Street contract expires in the

The Mirror and Sunday People differ, however, over who Manchester United might be chasing as a potential re-placement for Peter Schme-ichel. The Sunday People says they are still checking on Parma's 21-year-old Gianhuigi Buffon, rated the best young keeper in Europe, The Mirror, however, says Massimo Taibi. of Venezia, could go to Old Traf-

ford for £4m. There is no keeping Stan Collymore off the back pages. While the News of the World lymore plus £5m for Notting- wanted a cash sale.

THE MIRROR and the Sun- ham Forest's Steve Stone - a revolt over the special treat-People also reckons Forest have set their sights on Cagliari's Cameroon international Patrick M'Boma if Hooijdonk before transfer deadline day. Chelsea could bring in an-

other Italian to bolster their goalscoring resources for the final assault on the Premiership. The Mirror says Gianluca Vialli is weighing up a £6m raid on Roma for Marco Delvecchio, who cannot hold down a place despite 15 goals

this season. The Express says that a Norwich bid to sign Newcastle's Paul Dalglish on loan for the rest of the season - reported also by The Mirror and Sunday People - has fallen says Aston Villa offered Col-through because Newcastle

SEEN AND HEARD Excuse of the season: "Robbie has been feeling under the weather. He has a fear of needles and had to have eight injections for the World Youth Cup in Nigeria. I think it affected him." - Wolves manager Colin Lee explains Rob-

bie Keane's below-par performance at Lottus Road. I didn't see it but ... "If that had been in a John Wayne movie and the other fellow had gone down like that then John Wayne would have stopped and laughed." - Coventry City's Gordon Strachan on John Aloisi's dismissal for allegedly striking Charlton's Danny Mills.

It's a hard life: "Whoever said it was a beautiful game was

lying." – new manager Lawrie Sanchez, after an extra-time penalty snatched victory from Wycombe against Colchester

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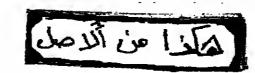
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Leaders find it all far too easy

QUITE WHAT the Black Ea- By SCOTT BARNES gles, a posse of Tanzanian acrobats, made of their half-time performance in which they bounced and tumbled in only their loin cloths in the freezing. swirling. Wearside rain is unknown, but it is clear that Sun-derland are becoming increasingly foreign to the rest of the Nabonwide League.

A slender bome victory over a side in 12th place who have now won just one of their last 13 games may not seem like a gap of Continental drift proportions, but Sunderland were only required to play for about five of the 90 minutes.

The remaining 85 they practised five-a-side moves and silky step-overs while ensuring they did not get hurt in 50-50 challenges and did not tire themselves out. So exasperated did their captain, Kevin Ball, become with the apparent apathy around him, that he made three rash challenges on the hour and was booked. To save him further indignity he was immediately substituted.

But still Norwich failed to get a shot on target, although as Sunderland not so much rested on their laurels but fell asleep on them in the last 10 minutes they did at least keep the ball in the home side's half for a while.

Yet in those five minutes when Sunderland stretched themselves, they were magnificent. The goal came when ponderous possession up and down the line was broken by Chris Makin's quick killer ball into the feet of Darren Williams. Williams hack-heeled with foreign flair and Kevin Phillips despatched with unerring accuracy. One-nil and Sunderland knew the game was over.

Sunderland Norwich City

They then only bothered with party pieces in purple patches. Alian Johnston lazily looped pin-point passes over the heads of defenders for fun and Phillips found his run with an acrobatic touch that the Black Eagles would have been proud of

in the second half a Johnston drag-back in the slightest of space on the touchline presented Phillips with an open penalty area and, remarkably, Niall Quinn gathered his legs together for a back-heel flick that fell immaculately into Michael Gray's stride. Nicky Summerbee slammed the resulting cross on to the outside of a post with a skimming half-volley.

Although Peter Reid made all the right noises about how his team, nine points clear at the top, were not becoming complacent as they equalled a post-war club record of nine consecutive home victories, his most telling phrase was about tomorrow's game against thirdplaced Bradford: "They are on a particularly good run and the players seem to be up for those sort of games." In other words, Sunderland

are in need of a challenge and Bradford notwithstanding, only the Premiership can provide it.

Goals: Phillips (7).
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The Manchester City striker, Shaun Goater (left), holds off Northampton's Lee Howey at Maine Road Empics

City slip back to mediocrity

THERE ARE headlines guar-anteed to shock but nothing is more likely to have spoons dropped in cornflakes than Manchester City hobbing along nicely, thank you". Catastrophe, calamity, unlucky, yes,

but things going swimmingly at Maine Road? Come on. But as the cock-up chib entered this game there was the real prospect of good news. They were unbeaten in 10 league games and even automatic promotion from the Second Division seemed a possibility. Nmety minutes later and we were hack in familiar territory.

Two points had been dropped at home against a club up to their necks in the relegation mire, the ninth City player had been sent off this season and auxiety that even the divisional play-offs could be missed was running rampantly round the disordered home.

Manchester City Northampton

City's manager Joe Royle who, if nothing else, has done a masterly job in buck-passing ever since he was appointed just over a year ago. Last seasoo relegation was the fault of the previous manager, which neartly ignored that genial Joe was in charge for a third of it, while this time around we are constantly told the flame is fractions from the blue paper and just wait until contact is made.

On Saturday it was the referee who got it in the neck. Royle was furious that Kevin Horlock had been sent off and went on an extensive tour of previous miscarriages of justices. We're going to end up playing in tutus," he grumbled and for the first of the !two Maine Road's huge stands. The bookings that added up to a red prodigal sons had returned to card he had a point as the · Northampton players gener-There to greet them was ously acknowledged after-

wards. However, no amount of Mr Messias-bashing could disguise that the official could have multiplied his mistakes by the power of 10 and still been lapped comfortably by the players.

City versus the Cobblers is an apt description of events over the last 20 years at Maine Road so perhaps we should not in the promotion play-off final have been surprised at the poverty of what was being own goal and lose on penalbes. passed off as entertainment. It took a full 44 minutes for the first sbot, a volley from Steve Howard that did not properly reward a perfect pass from Chris Freestone, by which time one press box wag had asked: "Why do they need a Junior Blues pantomime when they can watch this every

week?" To be fair. City improved enough for Royle to be able to assert correctly: "We dominated with 10 men so with 11 who knows?" and Billy Turiey had to make two splendid saves from Michael Brown and Gareth

pression left was of a team over-conscious of the consequences of failure. Which is unnecessary be-

cause the script was written in many minds this season even before a ball was kicked. The climax involves City being 1-0 ahead with five minutes to go at Wembley only to concede an The bero of the opposition, the scorer of the winning kick, will, of course, be a former City Ahhhhh, normality, It should

be safe to return to that breakfast now.

f2.5t 1.0W, Manchester City (4-4-2); Weaver; Crooks, Macheste, Morrison, Edginit; Cooke, Brown, Bishop, Horlock: Goater (Okckov, 62), Taylor, Subscitutes not traced; Tatro, Vatighan, Northampton Town 13-5-2); Turley, Sarrison, Howey, Hope; Gibb (Warner, 79), Savaga, Hunter, Parresh, Frain; Howard, Freesone (Corazzin, 72), Subscitute not need; Hill.

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OUTSIDE EDGE A pate full of

superlatives

LIKE MOST footy fanatics. I've always bung on to every word of players and managers. Lately, though, they've become ahout as unfathomable as one of Jorge Campos's goalie's jerseys. I hlame it all on this per-

centage effort business, you know. Nobody can make head nor tail of it. If I recall rightly, in the good old, bad old days everything used to be plain sailing. Players and managers simply used to give their all. One hundred per cent effort and that was that. Game shot

And now? Put it this way - I hear it's even got Carol Vordeman stumped. And there was a time when the poor girl could calculate the odds of a Stig Biomebye cross reaching the far post to three decimal places. And still find time to laugh at a Richard Whiteley

Not any more, though. They say it all started to go haywire about 10 years ago. Ironically, it's reckoned it was two of our esteemed old pros, Sir Bobby Charlton and Jimmy Greaves, who triggered it ...

Guesting on Saint ond Greavsie, it seems Sir Bobby was asked by Greavsie to estimate the extent of his own hair loss

"Now then, Bobby, me old fruit, tell us all this then, me old cock sparra. How much of the old 'barnet' would ver say has vamoosed up the Great North Road since our old England Under-23 days, then, eb mate?"

Overnight, the expression "110 per cent" was born. Once unleashed, the

phrase spread like baby oil on Sir Bobby's pate. Soon 110 per cent itself seemed scarcely sufficient to convey the players' efforts. Before long, even the likes of big Jan Molby and Matt Le Tissier were said to be cruising at levels of 140-150 per cent, making them fleeter of foot than their counterparts from bygone eras.

Relativity in time and motion, they termed it.

Take big Jan himself, Ponderous to the naked eye. maybe. That, though, was a mere optical illusion. Compared with his predecessors. the guy was a gazelle. If no: quite a blur, then certainly faster than Francisco Gento. Even carrying a crate of Heineken. Confused? Then join the

Nor was it any less bemusing down the other end of

Take Willie Young, You're member Willie? Accused of bringing down Paul Allen in the 1980 Cup Final? Well, he never did. "That's right, you heard. Our Willie was innocent." The same relativity

principle has now proven that at the time of the incident, he was, in fact, still disembarking from the Arsenal coach in the Wembley concourse, Evidently the last step alone took him 40 minutes to negotiate. Now is that slow or is that

slow? Bizarre, too, I'd say.

And it gets more bizarre the further back in time we go. An example? Try Paddy Crerand. It now transpires Paddy was such a slowcoach he actually spent his entire career running backwards. Can you credit it? And

here's us thinking he always used to run sideways. And so, to today - and perhaps the most bewildering

percentage of all, Kevin Keegan, it seems, has pledged to give 1,000 per cent as boss of England. That's right, one thousand per cent. Astonishing, eh? And him

only part-time, too. Even more astonishing.

though, is the effect Kevin's latest claim has had oo Paddy Crerand. Evidently, the poor guy was last spotted disappearing up his own hackside in sheer desperation.

Mind you, given his chronic lack of pace, that's probably no bad thing, you ALAN EDGE

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Some joy for suffering Stoke

THEY MADE a major investment in the future at Blackpool last week; £4.95 for 500 polystyrene cups. Unfortunately there was nothing in the petty cash to pay for them, so they had to go hack to the Cash and Carry.

It's a pathetic little parable that sums up the state of the club at present - and one reason why they found common cause with their visitors from Stoke on Saturday.

Hard-core supporters of the two sides decided that they shared more than Stanley Matthews, and organised a joint protest against the different manifestations of mismanagement that they perceive in their boardrooms.

All that it managed to prove on this showing was that the two of them could not put together a decent demonstration any more than they could a promotion-winning Second Division side.

The protest was as lethargic

Blackpool Stoke City and ineffective as most of the

play. Some black balloons rolled pointlessly around the pitch and both sets of fans chanted for their respective boards to

It was as half-bearted as the football; a far more poignant moment was when a brave, if not foolhardy, Bloomfield Road DJ made an inspired choice of pre-match anthem - "We've got to get out of this place."

That sums up why the natives are restless in Blackpool. They were promised a new stadium and a bright future by a sometime chairman, the now incarcerated Owen Oyston.

Seven years ago be de-scribed Bloomfield Road as "a time-bomb", yet they find themselves still marooned in a crumbling ground supporting a

football team more likely to be sucked into relegation trouble than to make the Secood Division play-offs.

Stoke have got the ground, but it has drained their resources to the point where the investment they needed to consolidate on their good start to the season has been snatched out of their reach.

Their manager, Brian Little, cried off the after-match questioning with a beadache. The long-term cause of it is not difficult to diagnose; it must all look to him, as it looks to the supporters, like a scandalously missed opportunity. For all that, his side came away from Bloomfield Road with a result that puts them back within one place of the play-off positions, courtesy of Kyle Lightbourne's

It was not, though, a performance that had promotion written across it, even in the most discrete typeface. Stoke defended solidly enough, but

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33rd-minute goal.

hardly managed another; seri-

ous assault on goal. "But they've pinched one today," said Blackpool's manager, Nigel Worthington, who had seen his side dominate possession without ever suggesting that they could turn that

"They've just got to put a bit of a run together and they're right back in it," be said.

The best Blackpool caln hope for is to stay affoat its midtable. As they could tell their equally disillusioned counterparts from the Potteries, it is really a question of whether your cup is half empty or half

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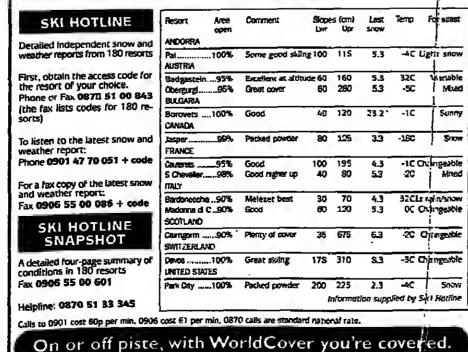
Sir Bobby mourns 'pal' Viollet

SIR BOBBY CHARLTON yesterday said he had lost a "good pal" ollowing the death of Dennis Viollet, a fellow Busby Babe. Viollet, who was 65, had been ill for some time.

The two former Manchester United team-mates were especially close because they both survived the Munich air crash of 1958. Sir Bobby, who last saw Violiet at the 1997 European Cup final, said: "I've lost a good pal and he was a really, really good lad. I knew that he had been ill, but you tend to think that they will get over it. I'm just sorry this has happened and I feel so sorry for

his family." Sir Bohby recalled that Viollet was a fine striker, who hut for injuries would have won more than two England caps. He set the cluh record for most league goals in a season when he scored 32 times in

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nighty-skilled boxer-punches Tony Janiro, had his hand pressed by a spectator after defeating Marty Pignatore in a hard fight at the Garden, Later

asked his manager Frankle Jacobs if he knew the man. "Sure." Jacobs replied, "that was Harry Truman, the vice-

president. "Geo." Janiro salt. imagine that. The vice-presi

dent of Madison Square Garden." One month and three days later. Harry Truman was elected president of the United From 1925 to 1945; from

Dempsey's day until Louis's:

the Garden put on numerous

world championship matches.

There was so much action at

any weight that on a strip of the

Garden lobby known in boding

as Jacobs Beach, more fights were made than in any other

Muhammad Ali fought nine

place in the world.

The venue for Saturday's world title fight between Lewis and Holyfield has staged many of the sport's greatest contests

Boxing's Garden of champions



KEN **JONES**

Evander Holyfield face up for the undisputed eavyweight championship at Madison Square Garden on Saturday they will be in a place that lies very close to the heart

Street and Eighth Avenue in Manhatten (completed in 1965 as part of the Pennsylvania railroad station complex) is actually the fourth to be called after the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, the name does remain synonymous with championship boxing

Harry Markson, a former president of Madison Square Boxing told of going to Rome in 1968 to sign Nino Benvenuti for a middleweight title fight against Emile Griffith, and accompanying the Benvenuti family to an audience with the Pope. "I was introduced to Pope Paul VI as Harry Markson of Madison Square Garden," Markson said. "And the Pope stepped back smiling, raised his fists, and he sort of exclaimed, "Ah, Madison Square Garden - boxing."

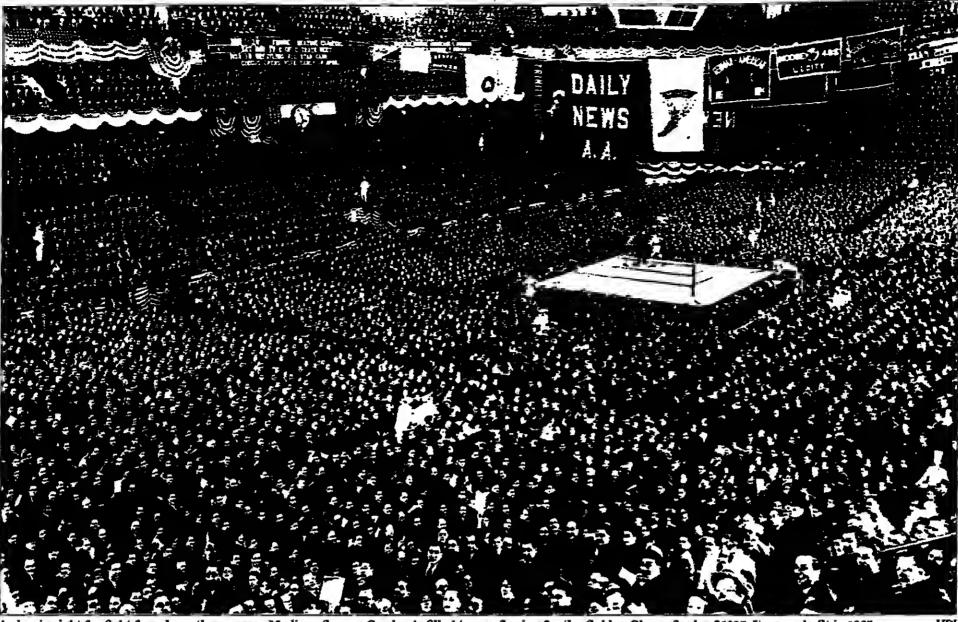
The Garden's history goes back to 1879, just 14 years after

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the American Civil War, when the famed showman Phineas T Barnum, who gave the world Tom Thumb and Jenny Lind, took over an unused tram shed in Madison Square three blocks north of where 23rd Street crossed both Fifth Avenue and Broadway. Spending \$35,000 to develop the depot, Barnum built an elliptical arena 270 feet ed a star. The brightest star in long with rows of wooden seats for 15,000 people. After only three months Barnum was driven south by a hard winter and ownership passed to his bandmaster Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore. With Barnum's freaks and animals gone. Gilmore turned to a new crowd-pleaser: boxing.

At the time, a New York State law threatened arrest for anyone who took part in "a contention with fists". To get around this inconvenience Gilmore simply called his "fights" exhibitions, or better yet, "illustrated lectures," with the "professors" appearing in tights and wearing strips of bucksin across their knuckles.

The "gloves" were impor-tant to Gilmore's enterprise because they supposedly brought his boxing "lectures" into line with the new rules written in London by the Marquis of Queensbury, which insisted upon three-minute rounds, a 24-foot ring, and the wearing of gloves. Gilmore's argument



A classic sight for fight fans down the years as Madison Square Garden is filled to overflowing for the Golden Gloves finals of 1937. It was rebuilt in 1965.

was that if his professors wore gloves, they could hardly be accused of taking part in a contention of fists.

The next owner, W M Tileson, added a riding school, an archery range, lawn tennis and ice carnivals to the arena's attractions. But the sideshow days were coming to an end.

And after reasserting control of his family's Madisoo Square properties William Vanderbilt announced that the arena would operate principally in the future as an athletic centre. He would bring in two great attractions: The National Horse Show, which drew high society, and John L Sullivan, who drew everybody else.

named his new auditorium Madison Square Garden. It was not an immediate success. Three years of moderate attendances brought Vanderbilt to the realisation that he needtown was Sullivan, who by popular consent had become the heavyweight champion on 7 February 1882.

Installed as the Garden's

main attraction, Sullivan went four rounds against British heavyweight Tug Wilson. The Garden was jammed and another 10,000 were turned away at the door. Sullivan's presence in the Garden persuaded even serious newspapers like the New York Times to cover fights, but police intervention caused some contests to be stopped and his subsequent arrest for "outraging public decency and tending to corrupt public morals". Described by Harper's Weekly as "a patched grimy, drafty, combustible

the wrecking ball in July 1889. There was little or no box-On 31 May 1879, the eve of ing at a new, grander Garden opening night, Vanderbilt (raised on the same site) which went through a series of owners and was just a step away from being demolished in 1916 when Tex Rickard came upon the scene. A colourful hustler who had lost a fortune on worthless gold claims, Rickard borrowed \$10,000 from ticket broker Mike Jacobs, leased the Garden from New York Life, and matched heavyweight champion Jess Willard against

old shall" the first Garden didn't

have long to go and went under

Frank Moran. Held under the Frawley Law of no decisions. no knockdowns (it was the era of "newspaper verdicts' decision" arrived at by ringside reporters), the contest turned over a record \$152,000 in Garden receipts. In 1920, Jimmy Walker, who

would become the swinging mayor of New York City and a close friend of Rickard's, pushed a bill through the State Senate that legalised boxing. With that and an arm lock on Jack Dempsey - Rickard was close to Dempsey's manager Doc Kearns - Rickard signed a lease for \$200,000 a year with New York Life. Thirty four days after taking over Rickard staged the Garden's first legal fight, a lightweight contest between Joe Willing and Johnny Dundee. Ninety days later he had Dempsey in the ring against Bill Brennan for a secand defence of the heavyweight title. Five years later Rickard could announce a figure of \$5m as the Garden's total take

from boxing.

Even before New York Life decided to replace the Garden with a four-storey office block sides, after Dempsey and Gene

Rickard was passing the hat for a creation of his own, an arena made specifically for boxing. With a \$6m kitty raised among to struggle back. Three sportsthe Wall Street financiers he called "my 600 millionaires" Rickard was ready to move

Garden III was called The House That Tex Built. It was a box of a building on Eighth Avenue between 49th and 50th streets toward the Hudson River, and only one block west of the Great White Way. It had triple tiers of seats connected

by escalators, and could take

uptown. He moved exactly 25

blocks up and several blocks

18,500 fight fans. Rickard's death from acute appendicitis in 1929 was followed by the Depression. In 1927, the Garden profits had exceeded \$1m. After the market crash in 1931, profit fell to \$130,000. A year later boxing shows made only \$7,000 and was soon running at a big loss. Markson, who would leave sportswriting to become the Garden's promoter and stay for 40 years, recalled, "It was difficult to promote anything. BeTunney we were blessed with heavyweight champions such as Primo Carpera and Max Baer." By late 1933, boxing began

writers employed by the Hearst organisation led by Damon Runyon formed the Twentieth Century Sporting Club and hired Rickard's funder Jacobs as their promotec. Jacobs's masterstruke was to sign an up and coming heavyight Joe Louis. After Louis knocked out a

terrified King Levinsky in one round and a reluctant Baer in four, Jacobs reuted the Garden for two fights. Louis won them both, in between he scored six more knockouts, and two months after his second Garden fight he knocked out James J Braddock in Chicago to win the championship. It was the signal for the Garden bosses to make Jacobs their promoter on a 50-50 basis. The partnership lasted until 1949 and by then Louis had defended his title 25 times:

In the 20s Rickard had Dempsey. In the 30s and 40s, Jacobs had Louis. In the 50s. Jim Norris had Rocky Marmain events at the Garden, including two at the more famous address on Seventh Avenue. Joe Frazier had seven main events, the five-time. world champion Griffith had 30. Welterweight champion Benny 'Kid' Paret was killed in the Garden ring. The roll of hon-

ciano. And boxing at the Gar-

Along the way, Jacobs

brought in a fighting machine

from St Louis named Henry

Armstrong who woo the feath-

erweight title at the Garden in

1937 and later the lightweight

and welterweight crowns and

held them all at the same time.

In 1941, Fritzie Zivic took the

147lb championship from Arm-

strong by knocking him out in

the 12th round of a hard con-

test that set a Garden atten-

dance record of 23,306. The

Garden pipeline was loaded

with talent. Before Armstrong

and Zivic went to their corners

that night the audience

watched a young welterweight

Walker Smith who would be-

come one of boxing's most cel-

ebrated figures and a Garden

mainstay under the name of

sold out the Garden three

times in one month. He lost his

title to Bob Montgomery on

3 March 1944, defeated Al

Bummy Davis on St Patrick's

Day, and took Juan Zurita's

NBA championship on the 31st.

all in front of capacity crowds.

The lightweight Beau Jack

Sugar Ray Robinson.

den was alive and thriving.

our is endless. Sullivan and. Benny Leonard, Dempsey, Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross. Robinson, Marciano, Kids Chocolate and Gavilan. Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale. Willie Pep and Sandy Saddlet It was in the Garden that "Hands of Stone" Roberts Duran took the world lightweight championship from Scotland's Ken Buchanan.

"Not boxing in the Garden: was like a void in my career," Sugar Ray Leonard said before his ill-fated comeback againstthe World Boxing Council's

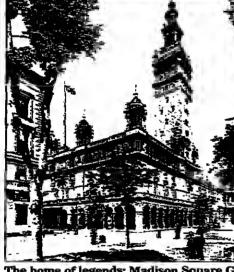
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Terry Norris in 1991, "It's not about money, not this time. All the great fighters have fought in the Garden, it's like a fratermity. This is my initiation. I belong there."

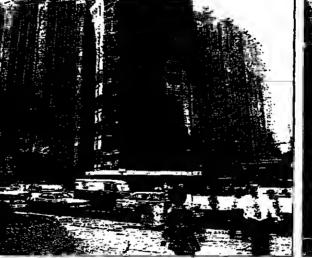
A combination of pucitive state taxes, casino boxing and television's refusal to black out fights in New York City almost finished off boxing at the Garden. "The corporate suits didn't want it anyway," veteran American boxing writer Pat Putnam said. The sport was too seamy for them and a lot . more could be made from basketball, ice hockey circuses

and musical extravaganzas." Even with all-time record gate receipts of \$1,603,425, the Garden reportedly lost money on the Riddick Bowe-Michael Dokes fight in February 1993. That was the first heavyweight title fight at the Garden in nine years and only the fifth in 22 years: At the time it was confidently predicted that the heavyweight championship

would never go back there. The casino operators stood back and let the Garden have Holyfield and Lewis for the undisputed championship. Thus, nobody should expect a full-scale revival of Garden boxing. But next week history will speak for itself at Eighth. Avenue and West 33rd Street. The name is the thing.









The home of legends: Madison Square Garden has developed from humble beginnings in 1879, when a tram shed was developed into an arena (left). The rebuilding of the Garden was completed in 1965 (middle). The venue has played host to boxing's élite, including the first fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier (right) in 1971

THE WEEK AHEAD: MAIN EVENTS

POOTBALL: Scottish Cup quarter-final action sees Celbc travelling to Cappielow to play Greenock Morton. With Rangers having grabbed the League Cup and a size-able lead in the League, the Cup is Celtic's only chance of silverware. Should they lose. 52,000 season tidet-holders may begin to lose patience with last season's champtons who, apart from the lim Farry Affair. find themselves the subject of almost daily runours resperting what

in the summer.
TENNIS: After Battersea's Big Top,
Britain's Greg Rusedski and Tim Herman
roll up at Indian Wells. California, with the rolf up at Indian wers. California, with the usual suspects in row.

BILLIARDS: The British Open begins in Unerpool and ends on Thursday. Hugely popular in the days before snooker rook off and became the working man's game, billiards is now regarded as more cerebral...a thinking working man's game.

TUESDAY

FOOTBALL: Premiership action at High-bury where Arseral play Sheffield Wednes-day. Some tasty Nationwide Legue games, the best of which features Sun-derland's visit to third-placed Bradford City and beleaguered Crystal Palace entertaining Igswitch Town in the Pints Division. Keegam-powered Fullsam wait another team in trou-

bic. Luton, while Manchester City visit Burnley in the Second Division in what would have been a top-flight derby in hap-pler times. Nowadays, City are struggling to get out of this division while poor Burnley are fighting to avoid another drop. Test-ing times at Turi Moor.

RACING: All eyes will be on Sedgfield which stages its first meeting since the tragic accident that killed three horses in February. Fingers crossed for clear rounds

WEDNESDAY

POOTBALL: Oue to European commit-ments next week (away to Valerenga and Internazionale respectively) Chelsea and Manchester United replay their FA Cup quarter-final at Stamford Bindge. Neither side wanted another game but Sunday's 0-0 draw, which ended with both sides playing with 10 men, was a fair result. Ringht there must be a winner with extra time and, if necessary, penalties. Chelsea may want it more and home advantage could just swing the game but it would take a brawe punter to put cash on it. An could just swing the game but it would take a brave punter to put cash on it. An Interesting night in the Premiership with Leeds United playing their weekly game against Tottenham and Derby County (praying there is no hangover from Saturday's unlucky FA Cup defeat at Highbury) entertain Aston Villa. Down in the basement. Brian Kidd's Slackburn (18th) play Everton (16th) in a six-pointer. It's getting very tight down there. SATURDAY

BOSING: Ar last, a fight worthy of the name. Britatir's Lennor Lewis (via Canada and Jamaica) meets Evander Holyfeld to unify the world heavyweight dite at historic Madison Square Garden, New York, Amazingiy, Lewis is the bookmakers' favourite despite Holyfeld's superior food, which includes two commining wins over Mile Tyson, the first when Tyson was still a major fighting item and the second when Holyfeld's superior to the Holyfeld's superior world the second when Holyfeld's say provided a third-round. Las Vegaa's shack for the subsequently banned former world champ, who is unable to attend due to the Foct that he is still in prison for threatening an etierly couple after a craffic accident. Still, he can always watch it on television before throwing the set at his guards. Lewis, although tighting a succession of lesser lights, has put them away with economy of effort but memories persist of the difficulties he was experiencing with Frank Bruno before a big punch rescued him and rendered Frank temporarily senseless. Lewis will need to rediscover that punch at The Garden, Action gets underway at 11pm New York time (Aam here).

PRACINGS With Cheltenham only three days away, punters' pulses are quickening with the prospect of istabriaq, Teacon Mill and Florida Pearl. The Imperial Cup at Sandown has a strong festival link since the winner of this prestigious hundle rose qualifies for a huge cash bonus If it also your area at the three-day in the presedury Park jamboree.

TODAY Terrestrial

14.45-15.33 BBC2 Block of Their Day
Garth Crooks with Jack Charlton

19.06-19.30 BBC1 A Charlton of Sport
- football managers special John Parrott is
Johns by Peter Reid and Bryan Robson white
Ally McCastr teams up with Steve Bruce and
David O'Leary
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Championships, Machashi 18.00-18.00 Live
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THURSDAY

THE WEEK AHEAD: SPORT ON TELEVISION

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21.35-10.25 BBC! Playing the Field, fourth in Kay Meton's seven-part series about a south Yorkstine women's football read that 14.45-15.25 BBC? Missch of Their Day, Arche's goal for Sootbad agreet Holland in 1978 was the accompaniement to an intrase noment in the film "fairspooting", is souring in the Want Gup better than sex and days? 23.50-00.35 TIV The Sports Shown, new series with Eamonn Holmes talking to Alex Forguson, Frank Warrer and a studio audistice. 22.00-23.05 Chartel & Lee Beauty's Cardboard Bowers, Lee Earn previews Sturtlay's Lewis Holyfield clash with a look at other British contenders for the heavyweight. Utle

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13.00-17.00 Sey Sports 1 European TourGelf: Turespans Masters Live
19.30-22.00 Sey Sports Two, Live Ice
Hockey, Seisonds Superleague play-off match
19.30-21.00 Eurosport Sid passping, Live
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18.30-19.00 Sey One Dream Team

SATURDAY

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11.30-11.45 Channel 5 Pooty Shorts, footpall show for been gers

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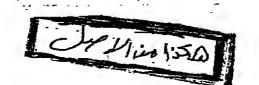
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FOOTBALL: See panel, page 4 RACING (National Hunt unless stated): Mus-selburgh (first race, 2 0): SOUTHWELL (all-weather, Flat, 2.10); Fontwell (2.20).

TOMORROW

WEDNESDAY

POOTBALL (7.A5 unions stated): FA Cup Shith round replays Chelsea v Manchester Urd. PA Carling Presidentship: Blackburn v Everton: Derby v Aston Wils: Leeds v Totterham; Nottingham Forest v Newcastle Nationatide League Second Distincts Sonde v Reading. Sootish Laague First Division: Clydebank v Fakirk (7.30). BASKETBALL: Buchrelser League: Derby Storr v Edinburgh Rocks (8.0).

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BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Newcastle
Eagles v Renault Lekester Roders (7.30).

RACING: Ayr (2.10): Hereford (1.50); Sandown
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Cartiste; Leyton Orlent: V Hult; Mansfeld v Rochdale;
Perstorough v Swanses; Plymouth v Hartlepool; Scarborough v Roderhem; Sottlend v Easter: Nationwide Conference: Doncaster v Halyes; Fanthorough
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ANNIVERSARIES

Todays Muhammad Ali is beaten on points by Joe Frazier (1971). Cliff Thorburn gets the first two radied 147 breaks in snooker (1989). Wednesdays David O'Leary played his record 700th game for Arsenal (1992). Fridays The BBC belevised its first athletics meeting, the annual Oxford versus Cambridge match at White City (1938). Saturdays The Scotlish FA was formed when representatives of eight clubs met at the Dewar's Hobel, Glasgow (1873), Sr Frank Worrel died at the age of 42 (1967).

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Jed-Forest: West of Scotland v Stirling Contry Division
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HSFP, Musselburgh v Gola). Division Threes Bervick
v Preston Lodge; East Kibride v Ayr: Grangemouth
v Gordonians. Peebles v Glasgow Southern. Scewart's Mehalle FP v Glenrothes. ABB Langue Dhishlan
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(2.30): Ballynahinch v DLSP: Berdive Ranger's V Grestones: Dolprin v Dungsmorn; Malone v Sunday's WeltOld Behedere v Skerries: Portadova v Derry; UCC
v Old Wesley, Wanderer's v Old Crescent.
BASKETBALL: Uni-ball trophy Raale Manchester Gants v Derby Storm) 7 0) (or the NEC Areno,
Birmingham).

RACING: Ayr (1.45), WOLVERHAMPTON (all-weather, Flat, 1.40); Chepstow (1.0); Sandown (1.50).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL: FA Carling Premiershipe Middleshrough v Southampton (A.O). Nationmide Football Langue Second Division: Burnley v Prescon (1.0). Sootsish Premier League: Abertleen v Celtr (6 05). RUGGEV LEAGUE: SIM. Cut Challenge Cap quamber-fissals (3.0) enhans stated): London Broncos v Whitehaven: Widnes v Leeds; Bradford v Warnington (2 0).

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BASINETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester Jets v Peugeot Budiets Birningham (5.30): Edinburgh Rocks v Eade London Towers (5.0), Greater London Leopands v Thames Valley Tigger (4.0); Mirton Keynes Llone v Westfield Sharks Sheffield (4.0)

SPORT ON THE **INTERNET** ANDY OLDFIELD



DOMESTIC SUCCESS in English Open championships is a rarity in many sports, but according to reports on the Weh's badminton pages, some English players are in with a chance of picking up titles in the All England Open Championship that takes place from Wednesday to Sunday this week at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

SportsWeh's hadminton pages are providing news coverage, courtesy of Reuters, in the run-up to the event. They inform us that in the grand prix in Brunei last month the English mixed doubles Simon Archer and Jo Goode reached the final, beating the world No 1 and three pairings on the way.

Other news of the All England Open to break on SportsWeb was the break-up of men's doubles European and national title holders, Simon Archer and Chris Hunt, who had reached No 4 in the world but have since slid outside the top 10. With each having new partners ready for Birmingham, and the World Championships in May, it could be the prelude to an English assault on the international circuit. SportsWeb will be carrying live results from the NIA.

The International Badminton Federation's home page is a useful resource for getting an overview of the international scene, with its week-by-week calendar complete with hot links to tournament official home pages - something the All England does not have, which seems odd for a prestigious four-star event on the world grand prix

statutes, plans for developing the game and all the things that committees revel in - and potentially cause grief at the grass-roots. For a minority sport, the site attracts plenty of visitors - about 8,000 a month.

The IBF also provides world rankings – in great detail – for every registered player in each category. That's 469 in the men's singles alone, which is 15 pages

of statistics to delight the fans. The Badminton Association of England has no detailed tournament information, but does have an e-mail address on site for queries, and a phone number for credit card purchases of tickets.

It seems keener on the post, fax and phone than the Web. Even its pitch for potential advertisers does not have a hot link to the events director. If you're wondering, £8,000 gets you a promo stand, hospitality box, 20 tickets per session and a couple of courtside boards for the cameras which will send 150 hours of TV coverage to 23 countries.

The unambiguously named Badminton site is the best nonofficial site to head for. It has links to official organisations throughout the world as well as to pages that will interest players at an amateur level: where to hire courts in whatever part of the world you find yourself in, equipment manufacturers and vendors etc. There is a veritable online

encyclopaedia of information about the game, techniques to practise, badminton's rules and its history. There is also a comprehensive selection of player profiles and links to still pictures 'As well as tournament links, and RealAudio and RealVideo there is federation news.

SITE ADDRESSES

International Badminton Federation http://www.intbadfed.org/ **Badminton Association of England** http://users.poviernet.co.uk/badeng http://mid1.external.hp.com/stanb/badminton.html

QUESTIONNAIRE

Who, in your opinion, is the greatest sportsman of the 20th Century?

Muhammad Ali. What's your idea of a perfect

holiday? Somewhere tranquil, warm and

What was the last CD you bought? Sinatra - The Capitol Years.

Where do you stand on the Spice Girls / All Saints I've never entered it. But having met the Spice Girls I think they

are great. Which person from history would you like to have

been? J F Kennedy with a hullet proof cadilly to Kensington.

How much is an indecent amount to spend on a pair Depends on your income. For

Sum up the state of English international cricket in a sentence.

Are you worried

about genetically

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Very. I would go out

of my way to avoid

it. I think the Gov-

ernment is being

very complacent

would you like

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about it.

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super-middleweight champion

What was the last restaurant

you ate in, and was it any

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When was the last time you

Some weeks ago. No 14 Pic-

took a bus anywhere?

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of the world.

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good?

There is vast room for improvement and some star quality.

SPORTING VERNACULAR

WHEN LENNOX LEWIS and Evander Holyfield square up to each other on Saturday night, it would be entirely appropriate if they were to proceed by grabbing fistfuls of each other's locks.

For the word "fight", which can found as far back as Beowulf, has its origins in the somewhat less manly activity

"Fight" goes back to the ancient German "fekhtan" which

is related to the Greek and Latin words for "comb". The link is apparent when you consider the words "tussle" and "tousle", or the Spanish "pelear" (quarrel) and "pelo" (hair).

"Box" (though there is a similar word in Greek meaning "to strike a blow") seems to be onomatopoeic. Which gives the phrase "box around the ears" new meaning.

CHRIS MAUME

Howlers on identity parade

month ago to this very day, a brief item in USA Today caught my eye. It reported that the singer Mariah Carey had been devastated to learn of the death of the King of Jordan, telling CNN: "I'm inconsolable at the present tigh. I was a very good friend of Jor-day. He was probably the greatest basketball player this country has ever seen. We will never see his like again." When told that it was King City won the League championship. Hussein of Jordan who had died, rather than Michael Jordan, late of

the Chicago Bulls, Carey was led away by her security men in a state of "confusion". Actually, I was already aware that Mariah Carey's IQ barely exceeds her bust measurement, and that she would be well-advised to open ber mouth only to eat, yawn and sing. For Bill Bryson once described how she got to the nub of the problem facing the Third World. informing the press that "whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I

can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to

be skinny like that, but not with all

ose flies and death and stuff."

Still, in mistaking the death of one of the world's great political leaders for that of a sportsman, Carey is at least in erudite company. At the beginning of his excellent book Manchester United Ruined My Life, Colin Shindler recalls his admiration for an unremarkable but versatile defender called Bobby Kennedy, who played for Shindler's beloved Manchester City in 1967-68, when

At around 8am on 5 June 1968, shortly after Shindler, then a firstyear student at Cambridge University, had staggered home from a May Ball, a friend woke him up by bursting into his room shouting: "They've shot him! They've shot Bobby Kennedy!" Shocked and confused, Shindler sat bolt upright in hed. Why the hell would anyone shoot Bobby Kennedy?" he asked. "We've

just won the League." In the sporting arena itself, there are countless instances of mistaken identity. When pressed, most television and radio commentators can remember leaping. Bob Beamon-like, to the wrong conclusion. Bill McLaren, bless him, is still aghast at the cock-up he made at Twickenham

BRIAN VINER

Shocked and confused, he said: Why would anyone shoot Bobby Kennedy? We've just won the League'

in 1975, when the left-wing Alan Mor-ley scored a try for England and he credited it to the right-wing Peter Squires. "I'm told that Morley's mother in Bristol rose to her feet and shouted, 'that's our Alan, you bloody fool," recalls McLaren, blushing even now. Similarly, Barry Davies remembers a howler during a football match years ago featuring Bristol City, when he repeatedly referred to the goals corer as Gerry Gow. In fact it was Geoff Merand said, Twouldn't mind, but I don't Carey moment, in 1985 I was lucky get that effing many." Sometimes, mistaken identity in

sport is deliberately contrived. I know a football writer, for whom the term "grizzled veteran" might have been invented, but who in his more svelte days covered Sunderland's glorious FA Cup campaign of 1973. He arrived in Birmingham one Friday evening in readiness for the following day's Sunderland v Arsenal semi-final at Villa Park, and out on the town that night managed to persuade a young woman that he was the Sunderland forward Vic Halom. to whom he bore a passing resemblance. They ended up spending a rapturous night together, and in the morning he assured her that he would not only score a semi-final goal

to the television cameras, just for her. Later that morning, at the Sun-derland team's hotel, my friend shared his secret with Halom, who introduced the evening's guest amazingly enough, did indeed score in a 2-1 win over Arsenal. Moreover, I am assured that the Match of the Day archive will reveal him winking knowingly to the camera.

in her honour, but give a special wink

the US Open, and the amateur championships of Britain and America. As a Bobby Jones Scholar I was invited to a number of functions in and around Atlanta, and was expected to make speeches at some of them. And so it was that, after a banquet featuring more food than I have ever seen on one table - a rather inappropriate spectacle, in the light of my subsequent introduction - my host got to his feet and

As for my very own Mariah

enough to win a Bobby Jones Schol-

speaker. "All the way from Great Britain, please give a warm southern welcome, to one of this year's winners of the prestigious... Bobby Sands scholarship '

LETTER FROM... SYDNEY



Fireworks explode above 104,500 spectators as Stadium Australia, venue for the 2000 Olympics, is inaugurated with a rugby league double-header on Saturday AP

The Olympic stage is set

n any contest between a good big 'un and a good little 'un, the big 'un will always win. The old sporting adage has often been veniences are female. demonstrated by beefy Australian ball-players against their puny northern hemisphere rivals, and the same principle has been lavishly applied to Stadium Australia. to test out the plumbing. The brand new venue for the 2000

Olympics saw its first competitive action on Saturday with a doubleheader of matches to start the rugby league season here. On an occasion soaked in superlatives, a crowd of 104,500 - the biggest ever to witness a game of the 13-man code - could slake its thirst at 53 bars, capable between them of serving 80,000 pints an hour. Including the spectacular light and laser show hetween matches, spectators were

fewer than 1.500 toilets stood by to ensure there was no queue even for the ladies' loo - two out of every three con-

So thorough were the preparations, indeed, that during the week rules. all 1,500 were flushed simultaneously

Rugby league's authorities here seized on this chance to promote smeared the walls of his motel room with excrement while on tour at

theirs as a family sport, capable of delivering quality entertainment to the nation. Stressing the abundance and efficiency of lavatories may be part of this effort, since pre-seasoo preparations were marred by an unsavoury incident involving a player from Sydney Souths who

Dubbo in rural New South Wales. Given a fair go and with everything in its proper place, the custo-

and sweetly enough through six tackles and play-the-balls to establish theirs as the premier sport over rival claims from union and Aussie

To clean up its image, the National Rugby League even went so far as to commission an ode from the Irish-Australian poet, Thomas Keneally. Pre-season adverts featured the bard himself, stalking a rainswept Manly Beach in white beard and anorak, anticipating the excitement ahead: "And I'm seven again/I know

I'll see heroes soon." In the event, Manly slumped to a final score of 41-18, sufficiently onesided for the crowd to seek its own entertainment. And here one shortcoming of Stadium Australia became evident. After the Olympics, the ground will sprout a retractable roof

after eating and drinking their fill, no dians of rugby's younger brother and capacity will fall to 80,000, but for natural further step after the initial fewer than 1.500 tollets stood by to ennow it is 110,000, with two buge ends, like cupped hands cradling the pitch, their fingers extending high into the air. But the angle of elevation required for these vertiginous structures means they are not contiguous with the grandstands, which makes it difficult to generate the unbroken momentum required for a de-

cent Mexican wave. A sporting event as participative entertainment, with cheerleaders hrandishing pom-poms and live music, is a concept imported from America, of course, along with tens of thousands of Cyalume sticks, tubes of plastic distributed around the stadium which, when bent in the middle, emit a hlue or gold fluorescence - a small way for spectators themselves to feel part of things.

This Disney-fied "third wave" of

sports stadium development was a

ple - including the family groups league is keen to attract - came to the match to interact with each other and provide an exciting alternative for junior to the enticements of PC and TV at home.

The sense of comfort, space and openness in the sloping tiers of bleachers means that Stadium Australia has created a near-perfect environment for thet. JAKE LYNCH

straightforward people-holders had

been adapted for television. Ac-

cording to its designers, Stadium

Australia epitomises the "fourth

wave", its fibreoptic skeleton capa-

ble of providing, in years to come, a

personal interactive video screen to

But this facility might turn out to

he a case of more proving, on closer

inspection, to be less. Plenty of peo-

every seat if so required.

THE WEEK AHEAD: FIXTURES

BASKETBALL: Bucherser Langue: Greater London Leopards v Manchester Gains (7.0). PACING: Califele (2.0); Towcester (2.10); Wincanton (2.20).

v Charton, newcaste v manchester Ute: Sheffield Wed v Leeds, Rottenham v Aston Vills: Wirnbredon v Nortingham Forest. Radiomaide Lengue First Disk-sions: Birmingham v Wess Bromwich; Bolton v OPFs. Bradford Coy v Norwich. Bury v Barmsley; Grintsby v Sunderland: Ipswich v Huddiersfield; Caford Utof Wacford: Part Vale v Sockport: Porsmouth v Crys-tal Palace; Swindon v Crewe; Tranmere v Sheffield

Todays David Wilkies, Olympic Gold medal swim-mer (born 1955).
Tomorrow: Bobby Fresher mer (born 1955). Tomourrows: Bobby Fischer, American chess player (1943): Bill Beaumont, English rugby slop-per and former Question of Sport captain (1952): John Lyon, British borer (1962). Thursday: Louise Brough, American tennis play-er (1928).

of hair-pulling.

The day Wales painted Paris red

By TIM GLOVER at Stade de France

supporters from Bridgend revealed that they had each had didn't think he could do that. We a fiver on Wales to win the kept telling them not to take World Cup at 100-1. They thought the odds were attractive although somebody pointmore realistic price. After all, there was nothing more certain than that Wales, like their supporters, were going to be plastered in Paris.

A couple of hours later anybody who had witnessed one of the biggest upsets in France since the revolution would have been privileged to say: "I was there." It had to be seen to be believed and even then seemed

The game was only seconds

CHAMPIONSHIP

3 1 0 2 53 60 2 3 1 0 2 77 95 2 RESULTS: 6 Feb: treland 9 France 10; Scotland 33 Wales 20, 20 Feb England 24 Scotland 21; Wales 23 Ireland 29, Sazurdary: France 33 Wales 34; Ireland 15 England 27.

FIXTURES: 20 March: England v France (at Iwidenham); Scotland v Ire-land (at Murrayfield), 10 April: France v Scotland (at Stode de France), 11 April: Wales v England (at Wembley).

old when Thomas Castaignède missed a penalty from in front of the Welsh posts; 80 odd minutes and 67 points later, the same player had a penalty from a more acute angle to win the match with what proved to be the last kick. It sailed narrowly wide and Wales had not only won in France for the first time since 1975, they had done so one of the great stadiums of with panache, elan and chic, not world sport made it the most to mention cheek, and any other satisfying moment of my caword they can borrow that sym- reer," Henry said. "It was a bolises the best of French fashion and style. It was a tour de other time I've been involved in force: exhilarating and breathtaking in its approach and, in against Auckland in the first terms of entertainment, utterly compelling. William Webb Ellis

would have loved this. "When Neil Jenkins ran with the ball from his own 22 on his bold. Being bold wins rugby

TRAVELLING ON the Metro to be something different," the Stade de France, a trio of Pierre Villepreux, France's assistant coach, said: "Our players

Zealand's loss.

whitewash in one of the most fraught seasons to bedevil the old game since Webb Ellis decided that a football should be carried rather than kicked. Henry, though, devoid of emotional baggage, is a good traveller and his strategy for the Paris match was a sensational.

"Playing in that style against that quality of opposition in marvellous occasion. The only something like that was Natal year of the Super 12 and even that pales into insignificance compared to this. I told the players to be bold and keep being

Wales lightly but deep down I don't think they listened." You could hardly blame ed out that 1,000-I would be a them. France, following nine successive victories in the Five Nations, were going for a third Grand Slam in a row and their 14th win in the last 16 encounters with Wales. Twelve months ago the Welsh were slaughtered 51-0 by France at Wembley, a result that precipitated the departure of the coach, Kevin Bowring, and the courting of the Auckland maestro, Graham Henry. He is, perhaps, New The Five Nations' Champi-

onship, underrated if not derided in the southern bemisphere, has been an eye-opener for Henry. Accustomed to almost unbroken success, albeit at a very high provincial level, be was bailed as the great redeemer when Wales narrowly lost to the world champions, South Africa, at Wembley last November but was shaken by defeats to Scotland and Ireland in the opening matches of the Five Nations. Wales were looking at a

if nerve-racking, success.

Colin Charvis touches down for the first try which set Wales on the way to a memorable Five Nations' Championship win over France in Paris on Saturday The guys played real rugby, they kept the ball, instead of handing it over as we had done previously. The players enjoy playing that sort of rugby. They kept the ball in hand, took the opposition on and that's what the game is about. You can almost feel the self-belief coming

competitive in world rugby." His opposite number, Jean-Claude Skrela, concurred. "One could say that we saw the All. Blacks playing in red jerseys," Skrela sald. "I think the Welsb played rugby as it should be

into the camp. The way we

played is the only way to be

Indeed. For the first time in a long time, all the infighting, the politics and the greed were ous seasons and they were erent. Wales created, rather taignede's 18 with three penal- and go for the try or should Cas-

relegated to the bench, the game was returned to the players and the spectators and the result was a spectacle that will live in the memory. Jenkins, who, not for the

first time, was heavily criticised following the defeat by Ireland at Wembley, made more passes than Casanova. "We were told to run the ball and it helps having players coming off you," the Pontypridd stand-off said. "It gives you options. Why is it such a surprise? I have made breaks before." Not like this he hasn't.

France were fortunate to beat Ireland 10-9 in Dublin They are clearly not the force of the Grand Slam team of the previ-

handicapped on Saturday by losing the centre Richard Dourthe in the fourth minute. He was replaced by David Aucagne, who moved to stand-off with Cas-

taignède going to centre. This instilled Jenkins with even more confidence, a strength thanks to Henry's optimism, with which Wales were already imbued. In the early stages, the

French forwards looked sluggish as the Welsh backs, cleverly employing decoy runners, found more space than at Murrayfield and Wembley combined.

With Emile Ntamack getting a hat-trick. Wales lost the try count 4-3 but in the context of the play it was almost totally irrevone of the French tries was gifted by a fumble from Matthew Robinson and another came from a pass that was not so much forward as precocious. Under the circumstances, the Scottish referee Jim Fleming could almost be forgiven for

spirit of the occasion. From the end of the first half thy which time the score was 18-28 and almost everybody was punch drunk) to the beginning of the second Jenkins missed four penalties in a row. Nevertheless, he kicked five plus two conversions for 19 points compared to Cas-

entering into the laissez-faire

than being given, a startling ties, two conversions and a try: number of chances whereas There is poetic justice in Jenkins beating Castaignede by a point, a point oot lost in Wales winning 34-33.

When Castaignède scored France's fourth try in the 74th minute, the Tricolores had recaptured the lead, 33-31, but two minutes later he committed a high tackle on Shane Howarth and Jenkins landed the long-

It turned out to be the coup de grace although in injury time France had a great chance of avoiding the unthinkable. Awarded a penalty close to the Welsh line, their indecision was final. Should they kick the ball into the corner win the line-out taignède kick for goal? They discussed the options at length and the rest, as they say, is

hysteria.

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derstand my team are still

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tackles apart, the style of the

opening 15 minutes, which pro-

duced a score of 17-12, suited

them fine as they sought to en-

said: "I think Ireland will give

us far more questions to answer

in two weeks."
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Balloch (Glasgow Caledomans). P Barray
ell (London Scottish). S Marray (Bed-

Scotland's coach, Jim Telfer.

tertain a crowd of 26,756.

in two weeks."



THE BUOYANT Irish poured BY CHRIS HEWETT at Lansdowne Road into Lansdowne Road expecting nothing less than the earth. Seduced by a near-miss against France and a half-decent victory over the Welsh, they anticipated an intense oval-ball equivalent of Hemingway's corrida or Mailer's boxing ring, with a touch of battlefield beroism thrown in for added dramatic effect. What they got was short change, short shrift and a severe smack in the chops from an England team who removed the "bull" from John Bull by laying down a few significant markers for this autumn's World Cup.

Warreo Gatland, a chastened Irish coach, described Lawrence Dallaglio's formidably muscular visitors as "one of the very best outfits in international rugby", adding that come the tussle for the Webb Ellis Trophy in October, they would be a "top-four cootender at least". Gatland's captain. Paddy Johns, agreed wholebeartedly, readily acknowledging his frustration at his side's inability to win even a pauper's share of meaningful possession, England were, he agreed,

"very good winners indeed." But the most incisive contribution to the the after-match wake came from Willie Anderson, the former Irish warrior chieftain who had so famously led a mass trespass on the All Black Haka at the same Dublin venue a decade previously. "We shouldn't moan too much about the referee and his lack of continuity," he muttered as he reached for another consoling glass of you know what. "To be sure, if there had been any continuity, we'd have lost by 50."

And so another emeraldtinted dream disappeared into the ether. It took Johns and his vaunted green-shirted pack rather less time than it takes to pour a proper pint to realise

Ireland

and company were not for the taking and while some strangely besitant English finishing allowed the Irisb a lengthy stay of execution - quite bow Jeremy Guscott and Dan Luger managed to fluff up one walkin opportunity deep in the final quarter will forever remain a mystery - there was such iron authority about the rest of the red rose game that the desti-

points was never a matter for

serious debate.

As skipper, Dallaglio was entitled to a dozen bouquets for every misplaced brickbat he received in the aftermath of his side's spluttering Calcutta Cup misfire at Twickenham last month. His lean, lightly stitched and heavily bruised features revealed no trace of self-satisfaction - the triumphant smile he allowed himself in victory over South Africa at Twickenham in December will not be repeated unless and until England beat New Zealand in a World Cup pool match of epic potential in the second week of October but he would have been less than human had be oot speot Saturday night relishing his next meeting with those critics wanted him thrown out on his

Kyran Bracken, Matt Perry, Tim Rodber and the astonishingly self-assured Jonny Wilkinson all scaled the heights as the Irish fumbled around in the foothills, but Dallaglio's was the defining performance. He did the lot, bless him: he carried the ball for miles, battened down the hatches at ruck and

England Tries: Perry. Rodber Drop goal: Grayson e: 49.000

> backs with shuddering turnover tackles, put in a try-saving hit on Conor O'Shea to repulse the one dangerous emerald uprising of the afternoon and even produced the touch-finder of the day, a raking 45-metre Grant Fox job that sent Johns and his pack trudging miserably back into their own half as if they were wading through concrete. "Lawrence is a fantastic

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nation of the championship player, a fantastic captain and he's done me proud," said Clive Woodward, his tone one of bewildered exasperation at the vitriol hurled at his lieutenant during the course of the previous fortnight Almost neurotically fearful of an Irish ambush - "Forget the games with New Zealand and South Africa, this was the most pressurised match I've experienced in my time as coach," be confessed -Woodward had gambled his reputation and his future on a mid-campaign realignment. If everything came up smelling of red roses, Dallaglio's full-time move to No 8 bore the sweetest scent of all

Of course, the Irish made life easier than it might otherwise have heen by ignoring the more, thanks to some loose instinctive footballing ability of handling and the odd prop for-Eric Miller for all but 15 minutes of the encounter; indeed, when the Lion of Terenure finally made it on to the paddock, he gave England more to ponder in the space of 90 seconds than Victor Costello had managed in

Privately, the visiting camp successful kick with 11 minutes raised a glass to Costello's seleft on the clock, aggressive delection as soon as they received



the likelihood of their being out-manoeuvred was more remote anything they might find in the wilds of Connemara.

For all that, it took England the best part of a half to come to terms with both the staccato whistling of Paddy O'Brien and the surprising extent of their own superiority. Perry's incisive finish on 35 minutes, the result of some hard running from Rodber and an exquisite Wilkinson pass amid the ultra-heavy traffic of the Irish midfield, signalled a short, sharp period of attacking abandon. It realised a quality drop goal from Paul Graysoo but oo

of Guscott-style grandeur. Three Wilkinson penalties in the space of 12 second-half minutes took England out of the stalls and into the box circle at 20-12 and although David Humphreys landed his fifth left on the clock, aggressive defending and some crafty back- overt hostility between the two confirmation of the team in row know-bow ensured there packs. Richard Cockerill needed

ward suffering from delusions

provided they met fire with fire, sporting justice. As it happened, Johnson and Rodber were sufficiently energetic to break out of the confines of the second-row boilerhouse and manufacture a second try in injury time. It was rather less than they deserved, but worth

baving all the same. At the risk of overdoing the sympathy bit, you have to feel sorry for Johnson. Once again, he was yellow-carded (he will soon have enough of the things to start up a poker school) and O'Brien's after-match admission that his decision had been harsh was oo great comfort to the Leicester captain. Appareotly, Johnson was

whistled for a vaguely illicit shoulder charge, which was a bit rich considering the wholly calculated assault perpetrated on Richard Hill by a black-helmeted Irish forward at precisely the same moment, Poor old Johnno. The poor petal was be feeling quite put-upon.

Still, O'Brieo can take due credit for the fact that there was little or nothing in the way of that Dallaglio, Martin Johnson maul, wrapped up the Irish mid-week. They knew then that, would be no late travesty of three stitches in the back of his a "routine victory gesture".

match video satisfied the England camp that nothing grossly untoward had taken place.

"It's a man's game, you know," grinned Cockerill as he ambled towards the banquet with bottle in hand. True. It was men against boys on Saturday

men against boys on Saturday and sure enough, the men won. Scorers: Ireland Penalties: Humphreys 5. England Tries: Perry, Rodber; Conversion: Wikinson; Penalties: Wikinson 4; Drop goal: Grayson.

RELIARD: C O'Shee; J Bishop (both Lundon Irish), K Blaggs (Bath), R Henderson (Wastos). G Dempsey (Terenur College): D Humphreys (Dungannon), C Bisconteness (St Mary's College): P Cohessy (Noun Munster), K Wlood (Harlequis), P Wallaca, P Johns (both Saracers, capt), J Dankleson (Castres), In O'Culomeagain (Sale), V Costello (St Mary's College). A Ward (Ballynahinch). Replacements: E Mitter (Ferenure College) for Costello, 55: J Fitzpatrick (Oungannon) for Cichesy, 66.

ENGLAND: M Perry (Bath): In Rees (Sale), J Goscott (Bath), J Willishson (Newastel), O Lager (Hai lequins): P Grayson (Northampton), K Bracken (Saracers); J Leonard (Hairlequins), K Cockerill, In Garforth, M Johnson (all Lecester), T Rodber (New Zealand).

England's bnoker, Richard

England's broker, Richard Cockerill, bas rejected suggestions from Ireland that be had abused spectators at Lansdowne Road. After England's victory. Cockerill ran down the touch-line giving what he called

Italy play rough A MATCH which began as a BY TIM WELLOCK at Murrayfield

Scotland

Tough going as

highly entertaining, bloodless friendly ended with Scotland counting the stitches and Italy down to 14 men at Murrayfield Italy

Perhaps there is something tions by saying: "You have to unof the Jekyll and Hyde about Italy as they were initially learning It took France a long bappy to match their hosts' enterprise, replying swiftly to to fall for provocation." both Scotland's early tries. But both Scotland's early tries. But once it became clear they were Scotland were not in provocative mood, bowever. Missed not going to win, the abrasive

edge intensified. It culminated in the 75thminute dismissal of Massimo Giovanelli, their captain and blind side flanker, apparently for stamping on Scotland's acting captain, Eric Peters.

Despite needing stitches in a bead-wound, Peters played down the incident, saying: "I drove forward from a maul, went down and the next thing I knew there was blood coming from my head. I didn't actually see what happened. Rugby is a contact sport and Italy are a

very physical side." There had already been two yellow cards for Italy, one of them only five minutes before the sending-off when Peters had his face pushed pettily into the turf by Diego Dominguez.

Martin Leslie and Tom Smith also needed stitches, although Leslie's cut resulted own full-back Glenn Metcalfe. hrushed off his side's indiscre-

from a clash of heads with his Italy's coach, Georges Coste,

Healey: 'I may quit'

ENGLAND BACK Austin Healey is threatening to quit profes- balf-back, who plays on the sicoal rugby if his three-week ban for stamping is significantly extended today.

He was suspended for three weeks by his club, Leicester, after be was accused of stamping on London Irish's ex- to the sidelines for possible Springbok scrum-half Kevin Putt, and clearly fears more punishment when the Rugby Football Union meets to decide how he should be dealt with.

wing for England has already missed two Five Nations victories for his country and received a threatening letter from Ireland during his current ban.

His absence also forces him World Cup selection. He was reported as saying: "If the RFU ban me for the rest of the season. I'll probably retire from the

BY DAVID TREMAYNE

IT WAS the day when Formula One bordered perilously on farce, when the favourites were

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left by the roadside, and when Eddie Irvine finally came of age as a grand prix driver Taking the lead on the 18th lap, when Mika Hakkinen's dominant McLaren succumbed to mechanical failure. Irvine kept his head under persistent pressure from Heinz-Harald Frentzen's Jordan-Honda, and swept home to the first triumph for an Irishman since John Watson at Long Beach 16 years ago. "To do this, with Ferrari, is Hero work below & dentime day

amazing," Irvine said. "All weekend my engineer and I have been working away at our own thing. We made different choices from what other people were doing, and we were convinced that we were going the right way." Alone among the front-

runners, Irvine chose the softer compound Bridgestone tyres, and where vaunted teammate Michael Schumacher yet again faced a start from the hack row of the grid after problems selecting first gear on the grid, Irvine made a swift getaway to slot in behind the McLarens of Hakkinen and David Coulthard which had monopolised the front row.

After a dozen laps the McLarens, circulating one second apart, were more than 17 ahead of Irvine, who had Frentzen and Ralf Schumacher in the Williams dogging his wheeltracks. But then Coulthard swung dramatically into the pit garage, to retire.

"It was all going swimmingly," he said. "Obviously we were disappearing at a hell of a rate of knots. I was just sitting there comfortably, waiting for the pit stops to try and put a bit of pressure on Mika. But then something in the hydraulics, which control the throttle and the gearbox, stopped working and jammed me in sixth gear. Game over. Park it and get a suntan."

McLaren had their fingers metaphorically crossed, after persistent gearbox problems

ATHLETICS



Eddie Irvine soaks up the applause of his Ferrari pit crew and fans after crossing the line first in the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne yesterday

in practice, and what was to become a dark day had already got off shakily when, shortly before the grid formed, Hakkinen had driven out of his garage with diagnostic leads still plugged into his car, pulling the elaborate overhead lighting gantry down on to team chief Ron Dennis'

head. The Finn had switched to the spare McLaren after his intended race car developed a misfire, but despite Coulthard's misfortune the world champion seemed comfortable nursing his lead. Then the complexion of the race changed on the 14th lap as Jacques Villeneuve's new BAR-Supertec lost its rear wing at top speed on the straight. The car slammed into the wall, and as the former champion climbed out, the safety car was deployed while the Ford from the pit lane and was wreckage could be removed.

When racing resumed three laps later, however, Hakkinen suddenly slowed and Irvine surged into the lead he would hold to the finish. The throttle linkage had malfunctioned, and Hakkinen was through.

This incident heaped misfortune on the Stewart team, whose practice promise had threatened to evaporate in an embarrassing cloud of smoke as both Johnny Herbert and Rubens Barrichello's engines set fire to their bodywork as the field waited for the starting lights. That first start was aborted as the smoking machines were wheeled away. Herbert's day was over, but Barrichello had started the spare Stewart-

in cracking form as he scythed back into contention. But as Hakkinen slowed the Brazilian was unsighted and unintentionally breached the regulations by overtaking Michael Schumacher before the start/

finish line. Before long he had

to serve a 10-second stop-and-

go penalty, which killed his

"When I saw the safety car I thought, 'Oh, the group will be all together so I have a good chance again,' Barrichello said. "Mika had his problem and slowed. I was about the eighth car and I didn't have the vision to know what was going on. All of a sudden I saw cars everywhere trying to avoid something and I braked as hard as

I could because I knew if I overtook somebody before the line I would have a penalty. But then Schumacher braked even more than I did and I just couldn't avoid overtaking him."

On a day when the Stewart team might otherwise have won their first race, Barrichello had to be content with fifth place, after serving his penalty on the 32nd lap. "I'm upset because of what we could have achieved," Barrichello said afterwards. "For the first time I had a car that allowed me to race and overtake. It was one lenge, leaving Irvine a clear and of the best races of my career."

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PREMIER HOUDAYS EAST Premier:
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City 3 Bedford Town, 3; Cambridge Univ 2
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4 Colchester 0. Leading positions: 1
Pecerborough Town [P18, PtsA3]; 2
Ipswich [18-41]; 3 Cambridge Univ [16-35].
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Formby 1 Bourdon 2; Neston 1 Southport
1. Leading positions: 1 Formby (P20,
PtsA4); 2 Sherffeld Rather 1

Michael Schumacher, too, was out of luck. After moving up the field he was delayed by a tyre problem on the 27th lap, and then the need to switch

steering wheels as his gear setic. There were a lot of things lectors played up. On a day when Damon Hill, in his 100th I managed to remember them grand prix, was pushed off on the first lap, Schumacher counted himself fortunate to survive for eighth place.

The day, instead, belonged to the man who has so often sacrificed his own aspirations for the good of Ferrari, and frequently been labelled a minion for his pains. Frentzen couldn't get full throttle in the closing stages, and Ralf Schumacher lacked the sheer pace to chaldeserving winner.

"Apart from the two McLarens, which were so fast, we proved that we were doing the right thing," he said. "After such a long time this is fantas-

I managed to remember them all and everything went well."

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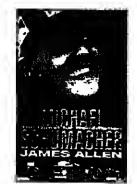
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we had to improvise today, but

BOOK OF THE WEEK



Michael Schumacher: The Quest for Redemption by James Allen Partridge £16.99, hardback

ONCE DESCRIBED by Damon Hill as "robotic". Michael Schumacher warmed up for vesterday's Australian Grand Prix hy putting on a football strip and having a kickabout with a local team, It's something he does on a more serious basis, whenever his commitments permit. with an amateur side near his Swiss home. He loves it, so he does it. Same thing with Jacques Villeneuve and his skiing. These guys, paid tens of millions of pounds a year, defy common sense to risk their limbs in search of a spontaneous pleasure. Yet spontaneity is hardly the word most commonly applied to Schumacher's character. Cold, calculating, arrogan1 – these are the most familiar epithets.

James Allen's portrait of the world champion of 1994 and 1995 attempts to look beneath the tabloid caricature to reveal a man of extreme gifts but relatively normal emotions. Beginning with the last race of 1997, when Schumacher tried to clohher Villeneuve at Jerez and instead put himself into the gravel-trap of public opprobrium, the author ends with the final race of 1998, when Schumacher stalled his car on the start-line at Suzuka and handed the title to Mika Hakkinen. In between he explores as many aspects of Schumacher's background and environment as can be interleaved

There is no doubting Schumacher's talent, his confidence or his aggression. He may lack the late Ayrton Senna's philosophical dimension, but he is every hit as fierce in his belief that he was born to win - and that any other outcome repre-(Eg) 15-12 15-9 15-9; R Lavigne (Fr) bt J Nardelli (Eng) 15-3 15-13 15-9; V Sisto-nen |Fin| bt A Toes (Eng) 15-10 g-15 15-9 15-5; C White (Aus) bt B Bail (Eng) 15-10 12-15 8-15 15-11 15-12; S Gallfi (Fr) bt O Tuominen |Fin| 12-15 4-15 15-10 15-8 15-11; K Patrick (Can) bt V Berg (Can) 15-11 15-10 15-11 sents a violation of natural law. Allen tries to persuade us that, in the aftermath of Jerez, 1998 represented a year in which Schumacher learnt to control the expression of his desire, but the evidence is not entirely convincing. The span of the book's nar-

rative is so short that, within 240 pages, there must inevitably be a degree of repetition, and the chronological jumps are sometimes confusing. But Allen, ITV's astute and well-informed pit-lane reporter, comes up with enlightening testimony on the nature of Schumacher's talent, particularly from Ross Brawn, his technical director and strategic co-conspirator first at Benetton and now at Ferrari. Less convincing is the analysis of Schumacher's sense of humour, which depends too heavily on an acceptance that Damon Hill represents the

But there is some good stuff here, the hest of it Allen's own tract is worth whatever someone is prepared to pay to kill it."

RICHARD WILLIAMS

TOP 10 BOOKS

1 BBC Radio S Live Sports Yearbook 1999 edited by Peter Nichols (Oddball, paperback, E14)

2 Tear Gas and Ticket Touts. Eddy Brimson (Headine, paperback. £6 99) 3 Football Memories. Brian Glamille (Virgin, hardback, £16 99). 4 Turelve Grand: The Gambler As Hero, Jonathan Rendall (Vellow Jersey, paperback, E10).

5 Made in Leeds: 'Square Bail' since 1989. (Square Bail, paperback, £5.95). 6 Playing for Keeps – Michael Jordan And The World He Made, David Halberstam (Random House USA, hardback, £21.50).

9 Gentleman George - The Autobl-ography, George Harwick (Juniper, hardback, £14.99) 10 Stoked – A History of Surf Cul-ture, Drew Kampion and Bruce Brown (Evergreen, hardback, £14.99)

SPORTING DIGEST

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Phoenix 99; Houston 107 Vancouver 92.

BUDWIESER LEAGUES Greater London

Leopards 84 Sheffield Sharks 77; Manchester Gants 94 Newcastle Eagles 92; London Towers 77 Derby Storm 65; Renault

Leicester Riders 95 Chester Jets 107; Thames Valley Tigers 96 Milton Keynes

Lons 69; Worthing Bears 78 Birmingham

Bullets 92.

BOXING PROFESSIONAL PROMOTION (Ele-phane and Castle, London): 12rd secant 180 inter-Continental super suid-diesergipt championship: H Eastman (Battersea) bt J Penn (Hemsworth) rsi 3rd, 12rd secant (EE Inter-Continental Hebrariette chumpionships: 5 Smith Battersea) bt J Penn (Hemsworth) rsi 3rd. 12rd vacant BF Inter-Continental lightweight chnimpionships 5 mith (Kentish lown) bt Gary Flear (Birmingham) tid 7th. 12rd Commonwealth welter-weight champlosships K Januah (Ghana, holder) bt G Eastman (Battersea) rsi 11th. 3rd light-sealterweight G Scort (Swe) bt K Taylor (Birmingham) rid 4th. 8rd featherweights S Harrison (Glasgow) bt J Matthews (Aldershot) rid 4th. 8rd lieasy-weight D Watts (Pecham) bt P Jurczyk (Pol) pts.
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SUPERSPORT SERIES FINAL (Fourth day): East London: Western Province 302 (E O Simons 75, A C Davson 143; T Henderson 4-82) end 249 [H D Ackerman 98no; V C Drakes 5-48]; Border 191 [S C Pope 61] and 96 for 1.

Britain's Sarah Symington finished third behind the Commonwealth Games gold medal@st Anna Wilson, who notched her malden road cycling World Cup victory in Canberra yesterday.

PARES-NICE Prologue time trial (9km, Boalogne-Bilancourt, Paris): 1 C Boardman (6B) Credit Agricole 10min 20sec; 2 S O'Grady (Aus) Credit Agricole 10.22: 3 F Vandenbrouche (Bel) Coffdis 10.26; 4 J Krispou (Est) Casion 10.27; 3 A Rhmil (Bel) Lotto 10.27.

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HOCKEY

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FIRST TEST MATCH (Pretoria, SA): South Africa 3 Australia 2. Second: South Africa 1 Australia 3 (Five-motch series level at 1-1).

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CHALLENGE CUP Semi-final second Leg: Manchester 1 Sheffield 3 (agg: 1-8): Nottingham 3 Cardill 3 (ct: agg: 6-5).

Newcastle 41 Manly 18; Cronulla 44 Bal-main 0; North Sydney 30 Western Suburbs 12; South Sydney 16 Canterbury 14; Can-berra 28 Brisbane 20, Melbourne 32 Pen-rith 10.

SAILING

Formby 1 Bowdon 2; Neston 1 Southport 1. Leading positions: 1 Formby (P20, Pts44); 2 Sheffled Bankers (19-43); 3 Bowdon (20-41)

WEST OF ENGLAND & SOUTH WALES Pressier: Gloucester City 1 Robinsons 5; Swansea 0 Whitchurch 1; Taunton Vale 4 Yeoul & Sherbourne 7; West Wills 1 Bath Bucts 4; Weston-super-Mare 4 Chetrenbarn 3, Leading positiones: 1 Whitchurch (P18, Pts45); 2 Robinsons (18-41); 3 Bath Buctaners (18-32).

Pts45j; 2 Robinsons (18-41); 3 Bath Buccaneers (18-32).

EHL WOMEN'S Presider: Clifton Scottish Life 3 Fyfles Leicester 0; Hightown 3 boswich 2: Slough 2 Clifton Scottish Life 1, Leading positiones: 1 Slough (P12, Pts26); 2 howich (13-28); 3 Clifton Scottish Life 1, Leading positiones: 1 Slough (P12, Pts26); 2 howich (13-28); 3 Clifton Scottish Life (13-23), First Divisions: Chelms-lord Highway 2 Troyans 2; Sunderland Ashbrooke 0 Aldridge 1; Wimbledon 0 Canterbury (P13, Pts23); 2 Chelmsford Highway (13-22); 3 Aldridge 13-22); Second Divisions: Hampton-in-Arden 2 Old Loughtonians: Hampton-in-Arden 2 Old Loughtonians: 1: Sherweod 0 Bracknell (1: St Albans 2 Ealing 0; Woking 4 Poynton 2. Leading positions: 1 Woking (P13, Pts37), 2 Old Loughtonians 113-21; 3 Bracknell (13-20).

WOMEN'S MIDLAND Presider: Luton 0 Crimson Ramblers 0. Leading positions: 1 Bedford (P12, Pts30); 2 Loughborough Students (12-26); 3 Kettering (12-23).

WOMEN'S NORTH Pirst Divisions Blackburn P Don Valley P: Chester 1 Leyland Motors 0; Liverpool 2 Deestide Ramblers (P13, Pts34); 2 Chester (13-24); 3 Liverpool (13-23).

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33|: 2 Chester | 13-24|: 3 Liverpool | 13-23|.

36|: 4000MEN'3 EAST Pramier: Ashford 3 Bluehatts 4; Bury St Edmunds 1 Dereham 0: Cambridge City 1 Harleston Magples | 15: Sevenoals 2 Letchworth 0. Leading positions: 1 Harleston Magples | 19: Pis33; 2 Sevenoals (14-27); 8 | powich | 13-22|.

36|: 4000MEN'S WEST Presider: Bournemouth 2 Leominster 0. Exercy 3 St Austell 1: Exmouth 4 Cheltenham 1; Portshad Firebrands 2 Colwall 3: Taunton Vale 2 Rediand 2. Leading positions: 1 Exmouth (P15, Prs36); 2 Colwall (15-36); 3 Exeter (14-30)

4004EN'S SOUTH First Division: Duwich 2 Horsham 0: Maidenhead 3 Reading 1; Rover Cowley 4 Tuise Hill 1; West Witney 3 Hendon 1; Winchester 5 City of Portsmouth 1. Leading positions: 1 Rover Cowley (18), Prs44); 2 Dulwich (17-44); 3 Tuise Hill (17-35).

TRYSPORTS WOMEN'S THREE COUNTIES First Divisions Bracknell 6 Farnham Common 1: Henley 2 Windsor 4; Oxford Univ. 2 Reading 0; Phoenix-Ranelagh 3 Oxford Hawks 5; Rover Cowley 1 Newbury (14), Prs34); 2 Oxford Hawks (15-33); 3 Bracknell (13-32)

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SEMONDA SUPERLEAGUE: Cardiff 3 Arr 4 (ot).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Team New Zealand were pushed harder than expected when beating traly's Prada challenge in the 1999 Road to America's Cup final in Auckland yesterday. Having won the first race by 32sec, they lost the second in the best of three by Imin 27cor. 37sec. Russell Courts and Brad Butterworth were on lop again in the third when on the final leg, TNZ's spinnaker stredded and the crew had spirmater streamed and the crew had to move into overdrive to set a re-placement. Francesco de Angelis closed right up but still saw his rivals take the race and the series by Just one seried.

take the race and the series by just one second.

AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGER VERSUS DEFENDER SERIES (Auckland): Race 1: Team New Zealand IR Courts) by 32/sec Race 2: Team Prada bt Team New Zealand by 1min 37/sec; Race 3: Team New Zealand of Team Prada bt Team New Zealand won series 2-7

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ALPINE WORLD CUP (Rwizfjell, Nor):
Men's downhills 1 A Schilfrere (Aus)
Imm 46.78sec. 2 L Kus (Nor) 1 46.96; 3
5 Eberharter (Aus) 1:47.55; 4 H Trinkl (Aus)
1:47.58; 3 K A Aumodt (Nor) 1:47.71; 8F Strobl (Aus) 1:48.06; D Cuche (Swit)
1:48.06; 8 W Franz (Aus) 1:48.07; 9 P Jaerbyn (Swel) 1:48.12; 18 H Knauss (Aus)
1:48.17; Saper-Ge 1 H Maker (Aur) 1mm
30.70sec; 2 S Eberharter (Aut) 1:31.17; 3
A Schifferer (Jus) 1:31.29; 4 D Cuche (Swit)
1:31.39; 3 P Accola (Swit) 1:31.62; 8 L Klus
(Nor) 1:31.76; 7 F Srebl (Aut) 1:31.97; 8
K A Aamodt (Nor) 1:32.00; 3 C Fleecher
(US) 1:32.12; 18 H Knauss (Aut) 1:32.39
Morid Cep super-0 standings: 1 H
Mater (Aux) 480pts (champion); 2 5 Eberharter (Aut) 10:3 R Saligeber (Aur) 212.
4 H Knauss (Aut) 211; 3 A Schifferer (Aut) 182. World Cep werall: 1 A Amodr
1:267pts: 2 Klus 1.259; 3 Mater 1,242, 4
Eberharter 977.
(Se Moritz, Smitt): Women's Super-Ge
1 M Detemberer (Aur) 1:31; 2 2.91; 2 P

Eberharter 977. (St. Momen's Super-G: 1 M Dorfmelster (Aut) 1:29.17; 2 R Goetschi [Aut] 1:29.37: 3 K Monahan [US] 1:29.57: 4 A Melssnitzer (Aut) 1:29 74, 5 R Haeusi (Gerl 1:30.18; 8 H Gerg [Gerl 1:30.20; 7 B Obermoser (Aur) 1:30.45, 8 S Brauner (Ger) 1:30 47: 3 K Blaser [Aut] 1:30.57; 10 B Perez [It] 1:30.54

SNOOKER THAILAND MASTERS (Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok): Semi-finals: M Williams (Wal) bt J Parrort (Eng) 6-2: A McMarus (Sco) bt D Morgan (Wal) 6-1. Final: Williams bt McMarus 9-7.

SPEED SKATING SPEED SKATING
WORLD CUP (Inzell, Ger) Man's
5,000m: 1 R Ritsma (Neth) 6mn 41.88sec;
2 8 de Johg [Neth] 6:42.42. 3 G Romme
(Neth) 6:42.50. Final World Cup standinger 1 B Veidiamp (Bel) 204pes: 2 De Jong
192: 3 F Outrich (Ger) 174. Women's
1500m: 1 G Niemann-Strimemann (Ger)
2:01 06; 2= T de Jong (Neth). M Wijsman
(Neth) 2:01.93. Final World Cup standinger: 1 Niemann-Strimemann 258pts: 2 C
Pectistean (Ger) 227; 3 De Jong 221.

SOUASH WINDY CITY OPEN (Chicago, US): Man's first round: 5 Meads (Eng) bt P Frank (Aus) 15-8 15-7 15-11; (7) J Rus-sell (Eng) bt T Berden (Hot) 13-15 15-6 15-12 15-12; N Dugan (Eng) bt W Et Hindl ENGLAND SOUAD (for World Champlooships, Belgrade, starting 28 April):
M Syed (Surrey), C Prean Isle of Wight, A Perry (Devon), T Young Berkstiler, A Baggaley (Bucks), A Holt Hancoshirt, N Deaton (Derbys), G Schwartz (Berkshre), H Lower (Staffordshire).

TENNIS

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON MEN'S CLAS-SIC (Scottsdale, Arixona) Singles, quarter-finals: I. Hewitt (Aus) bt J Gol-mard (Fri 6-1 3-0 ret, M Woodlorde (Aus) bt G Iwaniseut (Cro) 7-6 4-6 6-1. A Agas-si US) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-4 6-1. COPENHAGEN OPEN ATP TOUR (Den-mark) Singles, semi-finale M GUILDIG. mark) Singles, semi-finals; M Gustals-son (Swel bt B Black (Zim) 6-3 6-1. F Santoro [fr] bt 5 Grogen [fr] 1-6 6-2 6-0 Finals Gustalsson bt Santoro 6-4-5-1 main!) Surgius, Semb-Poulses: Moustaisson [Siwel bt B Black (Zim) 6-3 6-1. F
Suntoro [Fr] bt 5 Gropean [Fr] 1-6 6-2 6-0
Flast: Gustaisson bt 5 Santoro 6-4 6-1
WTA EVERT CUP (Indian Wells, CallFormla) Singles, first round: 5 Williams
[US) bt J Stetk [Sa] 6-1 7-5: P Schnyder
(Ger) bt Tanasugam (Tha] 6-3 6-4 C Black
(Zim) bt A Hubber [Ger] 4-6 6-3 6-2: S
Lähonsteva [Ris] bt M List: [Crool 6-4 6-3,
K Hrdickova [Cz Rep) bt 7 Ponnova (Rus)
6-4 6-1: H Nagyova ISvouk) bt C Morarlu (US) 7-5 7-5: 0 Batabanschikova [Belar)
bt A Smashnova [Isr] 5-7 6-0 6-2: A Motik
(Aus) bt A Fusai [Fr] 6-2 6-4 I Spirica [Rom)
bt A Glass (Ger] 7-6-76: A Stevenson [US]
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bt A Glass [US] bt S Placetova [Uh; 10-10]
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bt A Glass [US] bt S Placetova [Uh; 10-10]
bt A Glass [US] bt E Likhoviseva [Rus] 7-6 6-6 7-5; B Ritter [Ger] bt D
bt N Seeks [Us] bt E Likhoviseva [Rus] 7-6 6-7 8-7; B Ritter [Ger] bt D
bt N Seeks [Us] bt M See

TODAY'S NUMBER

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The pounds Nick Faldo, Britain's richest sports star, has in his bank balance. The golfer is a cool £15m ahead of boxer Lennox Lewis

7 Angry White Pylamas, Robert Twig-ger (Indigo, paperback, £6 99). 8 Allek Fizzgerald: A Jump-Jockey's Life, Mick Fizzgerald and Carl Evans (Mainstream, hardback, £15.99).

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RUGBY UNION RESULTS

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Scotland ... 2 1 0 1 54 44 2

France ... 2 1 0 1 43 43 2

France ... 3 1 0 2 53 60 2

Wales ... 3 1 0 2 77 95 2

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH

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SECOND DIVISION: Dundee HSFP 22
Kirkcaldy 32; Klimamock 29 Selkirk 14,
Third Division: Stewart's Melville FP 23

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TENNENTS NATIONAL LEAGUE First Division: Annan 9 Hillhead/Jordanhill 13; Duns 35 Stewartry 20; Haddington 9 Hutchesons' Aloyslans 12; Frinity Acads 10 Langholm 8. Postponeds Livingston v Corstorphine.

WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND REPECHAGE Tonga (16)37 Georgia (3)6 (at Teufaiva Stadium, Nuku'Alofa)

SATURDAY'S LOTTERY UPDATE.

Draw date: 6/3/99. The winning numbers: 8, 32, 33, 37, 43, 47. Bonus number: 45.

Total Sales: £	:55,179,209. Priza Fund: :	£24,830,644 (45% of tic	:køt sales).
CATEGORY	NO. OF WINNERS	AMOUNT FOR EACH WINNER	TOTAL EACH TIER
Match 6 (Jackpot)	3	£2,773,403	£8,320,209
Match 5 plus bonus ball	17	£150.592	£2.560.084
Match 5	789	£2,027	£1.599.303
Malch 4	46.665	£75	£3.499,875
Match 3	B83,024	£10	£8,830.240
TOTALS	930.498		£24,809,681

Maybe, just maybe. THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Third Arkle lures Johnson

SOME OWNERS spend their By GREG WOOD lives dreaming of having a runner at the Cheltenham Festival, even a 50-1 chance. David Johnson is not one of them. Thanks to Martin Pipe and an apparently bottomiess bank account. he was the most successful owner in Britain last jumps season, and for him it is not a question of whether he will have a runner, but how many.

This year, Johnson may go to Gloucestershire with a chance in up to half a dozen of the meeting's 20 races, most notably the two novice hurdles and the Arkle Trophy, a race he has won for the last two seasons, with Champleve and Or Royal Johnson said yesterday that Gris D'Estruval, an easy winner at Newbury on Saturday, will be this year's contender for the two-mile novice chasers' championship, a race for which he is 10-1. "He's come out of the race in fine form, I couldn't have been more pleased with him and the Arkle is the logical choice,"

Johnson had a good afternoon at Newbury, with Rash Remark winning a novice hurdle over two miles and five furlongs. Though his trainer hinted Cheltenham might come a little soon for him, Johnson said vesterday that he will now head for the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle over the same trip on Wednesday week.

"He seems a natural as he jumps so well," the owner said. "I was very pleased with him at Newbury and as long as it stays on the soft side he will go. He won by a distance at Haydock on his first outing for us the Saturday before, and yesterday he gave weight to some decent novices and beat them easily."

While Johnson and almost everyone else cannot wait for the drama to begin, it has sometimes seemed as if Mary Reveley would rather avoid the whole business. Though her string is one of the biggest in the country, she never sends many to the Festival and has never saddled a winner there.

But if there is still a gap in the trophy cabinet in a fortnight's time, for once it will not he for want of trying. Seven of her string could be running next week, which by her standards is a horde. Peter Niven will ride Wynyard Knight (Arkie), Brother Of Iris (Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Chase)

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Desert Brave (Musselburgh 4.30) NB: Rosey Boy (Fontwell 4.50)

and Marello (Stayers' Hurdle), while Alan Dempsey, the country's leading amateur rider, will be on Robbo in the Coral Cup and, if the ground is suitable, Cab On Target in the Kim Muir. Once More For Luck and Buddy Marvel are possible runners in the County Hurdle, with riding plans yet to be decided.

"Alan is a very good jockey," Mrs Reveley said yesterday, "but Peter is riding as well as ever and is not getting edged out as some say, there will always be rides for him here."

Of her festival runners, Reveley said Brother Of Iris "will jump round and is not a nohoper," while Marello "is very good when she is right and seems in good form."



Gris D'Estruval (Tony McCoy) leads on his way to victory at Newbury on Saturday

The field for the Gold Cup on the suspended Timmy Mur-lene, the 1997 Grand National we should know more this Thursday week was reduced by phy. Escartefigue, though, reone yesterday when Earth-

mover was re-routed to the National Hunt Handicap Chase, on the opening day, by Paul Nicholls, his trainer, Ruby had suffered a setback. Walsh will be Nicholls' preferred rider in the absence of tenham to Aintree, Lord Gyl-

winner, is struggling to recovmains on course for the Gold er from a pulled muscle in time Cup, after David Nicholson, to attempt a repeat successs. his trainer, dismissed sugges-"He is still very sore and he is tions over the weekend that he not coming along as well as we would like," Steve Brookshaw, Looking beyond Chelhis trainer, said yesterday. "We

are doing some more tests so logging.

Jamie Osborne will partner Ask Tom in the Queen Mother

abandoned because of water-

Champion Chase. Tomorrow's hunter chase meeting at Leicester has been

which poses a relatively demanding jumping test - as he cantered to a bloodless ninelength victory:

FOR THE NOTEBOOK

HORSES TO GO ON TO BETTER THINGS



Trophy Hunter Chase. The easy winner of all four of his point to points last year. Castle Mane has retained his unbeaten record between the flags and left clock watchers double checking their time pieces after impressive victories at Tweseldown and Brocklesby Park this year

Dominating both races. the seven-year-old coasted home in times much faster than any other winner could manage on either card and Castle Mane's reputation is such that he was the 4-1 favourite with some bookmakers for the Foxhunters Chase, the hunter chasers' Gold Cup, at the Cheltenham Festival a week on Thursday, before he had even run on a racecourse "proper".

Indeed the only question mark against Castle Mane prior to Saturday's contest was how he would handle regulation fences which, at a minimum of 4ft 6in, are generally a good six inches higger - and considerably stiffer than most obstacles on the point-to-point circuit

Castle Manc pecked on landing at the seventh-last fence and gave the third-last a hit of a clout, but had no problems with any of the other 18 fences in the 3"-mile contest - around a course



Caroline Bailey, his trainer, who handled Teeton Mill with distinction before the grey went into the care of Venetia Williams towards the end of last season, said afterwards: "We'll be very tempted tugo to Cheltenham as he hasn't had a hard race, but I just wanted to get one into him to see if everything

was okay" Dick Stunders, Bailey's father, who did punters such a favour when, as an amaleur rider, he famously took the hazardous but ground saying Fred Winter John francome route down the inner to guide Grittar, the favourite, to victory in the 1982 Grand National, is confident Castle Mane will acquit hunself well at Cheltenham.

Saunders said yesterday: "Castle Mane is a very straightforward horse and he did everything that was required of him at Warwick. He will have no trouble in stay ing the is by Carlingford Castle, second to Teenoso in the 1983 Derby and third to Sun Princess in the 1983 St Leger) up the hill at Cheltenham. The only problem is that they will go a much stronger pace in the Foxhunters'. However, he jumps well and the Fbxhunters' looks a fairly open race this year."

Castle Mane can win the Foxhunters' and could be back for the Gold Cup in 2000. Inn Davies

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

NEWBURY Going: Soft (Good to Soft in places)

ELIO, E220 DF: E200. CSF: E253

ing by Rushar out of Granig Ranty, trained by M Pipe, at Wellington for O A Johnsont, Tota: £1,70; places £1,20, £150, £130, DF:

2.45: Com Irandicap Chase;
1. CAREYSVILLE AP McCoy 2-1
2. Chavel De Guerra A. Williamson 7-4 fav
3. Parahandy Britan Richard Gluest 7-1
Also ram: 3-1 Malwood Castle (4th).
4 ran. 9, 7, 26. (Winner bay gelding by
Carmelle House out of Kayah, trained by
V Williams at Heretord for G Johnson).
Tote: 5270. DF: 5250.

Frogrench (Str), 5 2, (Winner bay golding by Sanglamore out of Nurice, trained by Mrs J Priman at Upper Lambourn for Pat Whelen and Mr Edde Shotton), Totes 2270; 200, 2150, DF: £280, CSF; £725.

3.50: (2m 4f handicep chase)
1. ASHWELL BOY ...R Durwoody 10-11 tay 1. ASHWELL BOY_R Durwoody 10-11 fav
2. Elouis ______ A P McCoy 7-2
3. Stately Home _____ N Williamson 13-2
Also ran: 4-1 Too Plush (4th),
4 ran. 2, 11, 11, (Winner bay geking by
Strong Gale out of Billys Pet, trained by P
Hobbs at Minchead for A 2.5 Racing). Tota:
£1.70. DF: £2.50 CSF: £4.05.

4.20: (2m 10yds novice handcap hurde)
4.20: (2m 10yds novice handcap hurde)
4.10: (2m 10yds novice handcap hurde)
4.20: (2m 10yds novice)
4.20: (2m 10 mane by Cadeaux Generaur out of Recipe, trained by Miss H Knight at Wantage for Christopher Shirley Brasher). Tole: £8.70; £250, £170, DF: £1290, CSF: £2849.

12 ran. 21/r. sh-hd. 5. 1/s, 21/s. (Winner chestrut mare by Zaffaran out or Silver rose, trained by Mrs J Primen at Upper Lambourn for Tony Milard). Tota: £2.70; £150, £360, £150. DF: £3.190. CSF: £33.14. NP: Ballinclay King, Kinga Grove, Matt Holland. Placepot: £2860. Quadpot: £2120. Place 6: £2568. Place 5: £2388.

WARWICK

Gong: Soft 2.0s: 2m conditional jockeys handicap hundle)
1. CHARLIE CHANG ... O McPhail 7-4 tav
2. Tamaseq ... C. McCormack 6-1
3. Hyderalitis ... L. Suthern 7-1
Also ran: 9-2 Lucy Tufty (5th), 11-2 Coble
(6th), 12-1 Chef Cornectien (4th), 14-1 Brooksie, 25-1 Kalisto, Tie Bre 9 ran. 7, 5, B 28, B (Winner be) P ran. 7. 5, B 28, B (Winner bay gelding by Don't Forget Me out of East River, trained by 8 Llewellyn at Bargoed for Mrs S Gent). Tote: 5280; \$150, \$170, \$250, DF; \$360.

2.35: (2m 4f 110vds novice hurdle)

9 can. 1, 19, 25, 27. (Winner brown gelding by Roslier out of Duskys Ledy, trained by O Sherwood, at Upper Lamboum for St Joseph Partnership), Tota: £460; £2.00, £2.00, £190, OF: £7.40, CSF; £13.99.

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4.15: (2m 4f 110yds handicap hurdle)

1. ARKLEY ROYAL C Maude 11-10 fav 2 Sun Surfer Swynne 5-2 3. Green Crusader Cullaty 5-2 3 ran. 1, 3,(J Old, Wroughton), Tate: £150. DF: £220. CSF: £346. NR: Dichum.

AAS: (3m 2) humer chase) 1, CASTLE MANE _Mr B Pollock 4-11 fav

HUNTINGDON

HUNTING DON
Going: Soft

1.50: 1. HIGH LEARIE (Mr P McAlister) 12-1;
2. Hog's Way in 4: 3. Takes My Side 5-2 lav.
6 ran. 14. dat. (A Herway). Tota: \$1000; 5270.
EV.O. DF: £20.40. CSF: £3801
2.23: 1. BEBRAVE (G Tormon) 4-7 lav; 2. Captain Biggles 14-1; 3. Stansbord Hill 6-1 10 ran.
1. 8 (T Etherington). Tota: £150; £10, £280, £170. DF: £220. CSF: £342. NF ins George
2.55: 1. RAGABURF (A Thornton) 11-81 lav;
2. Moonlightier 3-3: 1; 3. Seraes Delight 11-8; f 6x7 ran. 8, 21 (P Hobbs.) Tota: £200; £170. DF: £3430. CSF: £3494. Thost: £3814. NF: Zarobed Spirit. EZTO DF: ESASI CSF: C34.94. Tricaet ESBIA NR: Zamberi Spitt.
3.25: 1. NORTH TYNE (A Thornton) 13-8 kar; 2. Queberi a Rides B-1; 1. Young Tremater 7-2. Brann. / 2. 4 (R Ainer) Totae E2.50; 5:40, E1.50, E140, DF: E1050 CSF: E1359.
4.00: 1. OSCALI AN DOTRAS (A Meguro) Evers far; 2. Mudiew Prince 5-1; 3. Coolteen Hero 9-2.5 ran. 2. 10. (F Murphy), Totae E180; E130, E180 DF: E310 CSF: E587 NR: Specializa.
4.30: 1. SURSUM COROA (A Thornton) Evers far; 2. Heavens Above 10-30: 3. B

4.30: 1. SURSUM CORIOA (A Thornton)
Evers tay, 2. Heavess Above 100-30: 3. B
The One 2-1.4 ran, 3, 25 (H Dely), Tote: £170
DF: £2.00. CSE: £434. NR: Content Oueen
5.00: 1. MOISUM (G Tormey) 10: 2. Selze
The Day 9-4 fay; 3. Whiteborneri 12-1. 10
ran, Hd, 2 (MR P Sly). Tote: £12.60: £2.70,
£180, £2.60. DF: £24.70. CSF: £32.27. Tricast:
£283.90. NR: Amilionmemories.
Placement 22-80. Canadrach: 5.80

WOLVERHAMPTON

WOLVER HAMPTON
Going: Standard
7.00: 1.APPROACHABLE (Marin Dwyer) 8-1;
2. Noble Patriot 20-1; 3. Spiritimiting Sound
8-1-12 mm. 100-30 bat Legend Fails: 11/4, 11/4,
(R Philips) Tobe: £800; £250; £360; £450; DF:
£5530; £5530; £1531; Fireast £22202
7.30: 1.ULTRA CALM (P Goode) 6-1; 2. Mites
Take 6-4 fary; 3. The Last Word 6-1; 5 ran.
11/4, 1/4, (P Hasierr), Tobe: £780; £220; £120,
£130; DF: £860; CSF: £1457,
£300: 1. SAGUARIO (P Fitzaimona) 13-2; 2.
The Wild Widow 8-1; 3. Areish 6-1; 2-1 far
Powder Five: 1.3 fan. 11/4, 11/4, (K Morgan)
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£10774, Titosast £502£3. Total Earlo; Earlo 2440, E190 DF: EarlA0 CSF: CIUTIA Tricast: 190283.
3.30: 1. LOST SPIRIT (I. Charmock) 7-2; 2. Reyware Boy 4-1; 3. Dasmted 11-4. 5 ren. 6-4 fav. Love 8luce (4th). 2. 1%. (P. Helts. Total 2. 1%. (P. Helts.

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4.20 Kingsfold Pet

4.50 Rosey Boy

2.20 Decent Dividend 2.50 Amillionmemories 3.20 Well Timed

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

If Left-hand hundle course; figure-of-eight chase course. Tight circuit, not suitable for ■ Course is S of wilage at junction of A29 and A27 Bernham station (Brighton - Porismouth line) 2m. ADMISSION; Club £13; Tattersalls £9 (accompanied under-16s free); Säver Ring £5 (CAPS half-price); CAR PARK: Picnic area £4 plus £5 for each occupant; remain-

■ LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 28-110 (255%), P Nicholie 25-59 (441%), 4 Gifford 21-137 (153%), R Buckler 18-63 (21.7%), R Rowe 15-135 (111%), P Hobbe 13-56 (23.2%).
■ LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 39-156 (25%), P Hide 23-131 (17.8%), R Duowoody 18-84 (21/16), N Williamen 17-77 (239%), J Oaborne 15 FAVOURITES; 237-545 (435%), BLINKERED FIRST TIME: The Swan (250), Bozo (450). on 17-71 (23.9%), J Oaborne 15-56 (26.8%).

2.20 KYBO MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 2f 110yds Penalty Value £2,600

_		_	THE LIGHT CHANGE TO SECOND
		2234	EDAN HEIGHTS (19) (BF) (The Conflower Partnership) T Casey 7 ft 3W Marston
			HENRY ISLAND (11) (J Hickland & Mr.)) Hortonia (J Person 6 ft 3 & Concorne (7)
	•	POPU	OLABUD (53) (Sil Naylar) J Giflad 7 fl 3
			OUR FUGLEY DVD (F261) (F Wirkworth & Wirkworth 5 11 8
		054	SMENT (17) (Food Brokers Ltm) J Giffurd 5 11 3 P Hide
			THE BORSEN STALKER (7) (Lufe Dace) L.A Dece 6 # 3
		000	BINT SHERIHOON (11) (A Kitaleg) T McGovern 5 & 12
		1.	DECENT DIVIDEND (309) (J Boode & Alther) Mas V Williams 8 Q 12 N Williamson
			PRINCESS ROSINGEN (11) (Resteen Around) Mrs L Jewell 7 to 2
)			SEVERY (21) (The Hallmark Partnersho) S Woodman 5 to 12
i			SOVET LADY (F11) (Gerry Boyer) R Ingram 5 10 12 D Gallagher
2		F	TU DEAR (21) (Or Lucy Free) M Madgreck 8 to 12
3		32	BALLA D'AIRE (21) (Alex Life Regres) B Johnson 4 10 8
•			WILERE'S ALBERT (7) (J Danato J R Pouton 4 10 8
5			RN GOOD ORDER (P30) (Mark Barrett) G L Moore 4 to 3
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BETTING: 5-4 Decord Dividend, 5-2 Smirt, 4-1 Balle U'Aire, 7-1 Eden Hebylds, 12-1 Herry Island, 1998. No corresponding meeting

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Edan Heights: Falling short of expectations following fair 2nd to Ferris Governor at Ludlow in Dec. Despipointing 40 lengths 4th of 7 to Hot in Saucy at Follostone (2m1) Incorp, heavy) latest and will need something more here. Herrry latend: Useful Flat staying handicapper for Geoff Wragg, Easy in market, refused to start in Estate Agent's race at Wincarson on first outing for new yard. Obstand: First form when staying on 44 langths 7th of 13 to Hardly at Windardon (2m nov. solt) at Windardon in Jan. Likely to need more time.

Our Augley: Miler on the Flat in New Zeatand. First outing for new yard

Smitht Coming along the right lines when tenderly-handled 19 lengths 4th of 13 to Bac-chanal in useful novice contest at Sandown (2m good to soft). Likely to progress again and should play a leading role.
The Borean Statiser: Yet to show any sign of ability.
Blift Standarder Hist of shifty in burgers, but unseefed rider at the Sert in these ways.

Blint Shruhoon: Hirt of ability in burnows, but unseated rider at the 2 by Nouveau Cheval at Huntingdon (2m man, good) on hurdles debut by noveau chees at Humangoon (am man, good) on nurses debut. One to check in the pecent Dividence Winning point-to-pointer making hurdles debut. One to check in the market in view of trainer's remarkable strike-rate have Princese Restrieen: Has shown nothing in two hurdles starte Silvery: Vegue signs of ability when 28 lengths 6th to Copper Coin at Windsox, but tailed aff 7th of 12 to Deep C Diva at Plumpton (2m1) nox, soft) latest

Soviet Lady: Moderate mile handcapper on Flat, Hurdles debut.
Tu Deer: 50-1 chancs and well behind when tell 3 out in race won by Deep C Dive on es debut at Plumpton (2m11 nov, soft) has morth Balls D'Alme: Improved on promising debut when, led after 3 out, headed flat, beaten 5% lengths by Payez at Plumpton (2m11 nov claim, soft), Needs to brush up her jumping, but unlikely to be far sway Where's Albert: No sign of ability so far In Good Order: Well beaten in middle-distance meldens on the all-meether. Market the

VERDICT: Venetis Williams has made lew metalass in nonce hundes the season, and site seams to have found the perfect debut apparturally for the point-to-point witness DECENT DIVIDEND, who appears to have only the slow-maturing Smint and ex-

2 50 FONTWELL PARK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS

Ľ	2.50	G) £2,500 added 2m 6f 110yds Penalty Value £2,198
1		WEATHER WISE (12) (C) Class Charry W G M Turner ? (20 N Williamson
2	579255	CLAIRESWAN (6) (C) Mich Sarrest C Dayer 7 11 to A P McCoy
3		AMELIONATEMORIES (16) (# Jorgs M Latthart A Globs) Mrs 8 Woring 9 11 5 E Byrne
4		DACIELO (FR) (SYTH) (SYTH) (SEESEN) 14 Home 6 11 4 Mr P Controls (7)
5		INCLINATION (12) (FE Horse) Vest James 5 to 12 No R Formand (5)
6		THE MINIOER PRO (19) (G.F. Edwards) G. BOARDS 12 to 8 M. A. Fitzgarald B.
7		DIVINE CHANCE (33) (D) ALR Overcrest M Crustles 11 105 Mr J Young (7)
В		THE SMAN (18) Terry Sandersi & France 103
٥		ADELDY (12) (0) (7 Mintel & Mrs H Vest) J Endger 7 (0) 0 M Beschelor (5)
Z		CHONA MAIL (F25) The Metic Section M Com 7 80 L Henry
Ħ		WEAPONS FREE (20) 145 Lida Rotards Mrs L Actards 8 100 C Ligardyn
2		DO BE WARE (126) AAS LA Every US J Ever 9 100 Mas C Dyson
3		ELL GEE (7) (Past Tourney); Was F Tourney 9 10 0 X Abquev (3) B

Account weight 10st True hardinas weights. Action 9:3 13th, Chona Mail 9ol 8th, Weapons Free 9:4 4th, Do Ee work 8st, 61 Goe 8st 13th ries, 4-1 Inclination, 6-1 The Swam,7-1 Weather

SCTTMG: 100-30 Chareswan, 7-2 Amiliarmemories, 4-1 Incilos Wise, 10-1 Divine Chance, 14-1 Adilou, 16-1 Dacelo, 20-1 others FORM GUIDE

Weather Wise: Three-cine wither this term and chance on 1/2 length 3nd to Simply at Weather Wase Three-tine wither this ferm and chance on 1/s length 3nd to Simply at Towcesar (2nd) self hotal heavy in Jan from 2b higher, but has out of sonts lest two spirits Calamanivario Dual course wither and successful from 10th higher at Catterick 14 months ago. Best race this term when staying on 11 lengths 5th of 17 to Tabal at Catterick (2nd) self hotal scholars is them when staying on 11 lengths 5th of 17 to Tabal at Catterick (2nd) self hotal scholars (2nd) here. Amilian wasminities: Towcesser wither from 4th bover in Dec and good 2nd over same cause (2nd) heavy, since One to consider despite disappointing latest baselot 5th outing since Dreit braining a point at Maris. Tey 13 months ago. Hed shown some ability in notice hundles for Oliver Sherwood, but probably best waithed here finished on. Namow Pollessame wither from 8th lover in Jen and good 10 lengths 2nd to Chartie for Chartie from 2to higher since it of Referations (2nd) has been to Charle Charge (women again from 12th higher since) at Folkestone (2011) set hotel, soft) last week. Pleasonably verpfied, but could find entra 5t here 3 problem. The Minders Best race for a write when 25 lengths 5th to Suprise Guriner or Folkestone non-seller (2014) finds, soft) (dest. Has won from 21th higher, but appears to be feeling.

his age and yet to win away from Taunton This age and yet to vivi away train warrows. Divine Charlotte (at veryints on 7 longths 2nd to Spirit Level at Evater (2m7) self house soil) in Dec. Go close on that, but unreliable The Breast Promising stayer in Indiand two seasons ago. Gets the longer larp she needs here and birdered first time after two disappointing efforts over minimum (well backed on reappearance) and cannot be ruled out.

on reappearance) and cannot be ruled out.
Adflore Dust course winner. Poor completion record lately and hard to faincy, although weighted to be at the shake-up on best early-season form.
Chine Matic Has changed hands has since scoring from 29th higher two seasons. No show on all-weather cometack from lay-off last morth and probably best watched. Weepons Prest Has shown nothing since pining new yard in August Do Be Warst No form for some time now and was tailed off on latest start. Ell Gest Little to recommend him and pulled up both starts this term

VERDICT: THE SWAN, who showed fair form at the Galway Pestival two seasons ago presents a problem hare, wearing birtiers for the first time. She looked an unfucky loser at Earthon last term and is now returned to a more setable my either two sharponess at the minimum distance. If the fails to fair, the finish may concern Chaireswan. who is returning to form, and Amillionmemories, back in his note class

3.20 BRITISH EQUESTRIAN INSURANCE BROKERS H'CAP CHASE (D) £5,250 3m 2f 110yds Penaity Value £3,558

- 5 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Growwnor, 11-4 Mazzaro, 3-1 Well Threet, 6-1 Junassic Cleasic, Sophie May FORM GUIDE

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Well Timed: Chepelow winner from 4b higher last term. Running well when fell at Wincardon in Jarr and again when coming down 3 cut behind Step On Syre at Heydock lasset ((3m hosp, sort) Acts on soft and could go close with a clear round Nazarro: C&D winner from 15th higher in 1998. Has drawn a blank since and looked unerthusiestic winner 21 langtes 3rd to Seletan over C&D latest.

Jarraestic Classetic Former course specialist, but 2 years without a win and did not show much gusto within pulled up in race won by Seletan over C&D lates month much gusto within pulled up in race won by Seletan over C&D lates month much gusto within pulled up in race won by Seletan over C&D lates month much gusto within pulled up in race won the Seletan over C&D lates month for the seletan pulled in the pulled up in race won the Seletan over C&D in how much protection as seletan over the seletan pulled in the mond growner. Beat Nazzaro (now 13b better) an etay 3 langtes over C&D in Nov and possibly a strate unducky when 2nd to Hoodwinker at Wordester same month from 2b higher. Fresh from a rest and looks the one to best in templan of it she ment and to VERDICT? GROSVENOR than strang transition in several next the seletan pull processor and the selectan pulled the ment and the pulled to the pulled the pulled the pulled to the pulled t

VERDICE GROSVENOR has shown himself capable of winning off this mark and probably has more scope for improvement than most of his rivals. He jumps well for a virtual noves and certainty looks a more religible proposition than his main rived Well Timed, who turned in a very respectable display until falling at Haydock last time and could benefit from the drop in class.

3 50 CORAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £7,500 added

4	.55	2m 2f 11Dyds Penalty Value £5,251	
	3633	AMAZE (10) LOS, KOTOTO FOLTH LAN HOTEL UT! U	W Greatres (7)
		MACHIAVELLI (90) (CD) (3 V S.C. France A G L Micro 5 fl 6	M Batchelor (S)
	4652M	DANCING PADDY (28) (CD) (3)charce Racing! N. C. Picson II 11 4	M Waterwood
	₹ P66	TISSUE OF LIES (USA) (28) (The No Huse) Parters of J Nothing 6	H. 7 G Bradley
	16342	RAJATI (USA) (9) , "exter Record A Street 4 2) 12	7 Duy
		FOUNTAIN BID (12) (CD) RENED DOOR R DOOR T TOS .	Mr N Fehily (7)
		KINBERS (1888) IS Northern & Northern TO?	L Aspes
	256	ONE IN THE EYE (F497) & Wiscory I A Foultry 8 LD	J Moges

Mincrum wought 10rd True hancing waight Oan Is The Eye Art 1,40 BETTING: 11-4 Reject, 7-2 Fountain Bid. 4-1 Anaces, 5-1 Dancing Paddy, 6-1 Machievetti, 8-1 Tla-sue Of Lies, 12-1 Kimbers, 25-1 One in The Eye

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Americ Never for away from around this mark and good 7 lengths 3rd to Fiscor at Kempton (2m5) hour, good) beest but probably needs to find aumenting enter the Machineristic Dual course weren lest season but title sportle fits term and readd since lest to King Of Thewas here in Doc. Stapping in weights and market best quallo bounding Paddyr. Some in his old gusts best two starts. Bright chance on 7 kingths. 2nd to Northersk over C&D in John from Stalling and stronger handing new Thesias Oit Lest Looks a possibility on 2nd to Wester's Lad at Plumpton List March and agree of return to kom when 16 lengths 6th of 10 in Susmi over C&D total. Plumpton List March and agree of return to kom when 16 lengths 6th of 10 in Susmi over C&D total. Plumpton List March and length Carein-best strong-hinshing 12 lengths 2nd to Simply Gritod at Haydock (2m new locas) soft places. Reasonably weighted, and entry 2 for gather track should sust Foundation Bild: Up to best when storying-on 2 lengths 2nd of 7 to Equity's Puring at Foundation Bild: Up to best when storying-on 2 lengths 2nd of 7 to Equity's Puring at Foundation Listedul on rare appearances and well in on 11 lengths. 2nd to 14 Again at Kempton (2m hop, good) in Nov 1997 following 2-your lay-off but liness about One to The Eye: Looking for first handles we and well plusten behind Andaucph at Strattord when less seen in Oct 1997 Diribali to fancy.

VERDICT: A feet pace from Dencing Paddy could set this up for RAJATI, who is

VERDICT: A test pace from Dencing Paddy could set this up for RAJATI, who is one of the few in the field still on the upgrade and looking capable of improvement.

4.20 KING AND BARNES 'BEST BITTER' NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 3f Penalty Value £2,738

- 5 declared -BETTBKS: 4-7 Kingstold Pet, 2-1 Hood For Heaven, 12-1 Calvaro, 20-1 Smart Guy, 33-1 Classic Image

FORM GUIDE HONMY GUIDE.
Ringsfold Pet: Proving little more than average over lences but plenty in hand when beating Klasar 4 lengths at Plumpton (2m27 nov. soft) and less to do here Calvairo: Usually gets round in his own time. But plenty to find and well below boot when 37 lengths 6th of 9 to Super Mac at Folkestone (2m hoap, good to sorth batest Classic Image: Winning setting hardler. No sign of ability over lences. Head For Heaven Finely confirmed last seasona promise when booken 3 lengths by Super Mac at Folkestone (2m hoap, good to soft) but plenty to find again. Smart Guy: Skatchy jumper who looks well held by Head For Heaven on 41 lengths 7th of 9 to Super Mac at Folkestone (2m hoap, good to soft)

VERDICT: KINGSPOLD PET was a cut above these over hurdies. Head For Heaven is the obvious torseast candidate in a race of lew realistic options.

4.50 SOVEREIGN NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 3f Penalty Value £2,268

2352 JM JAM JOEY (40) (C) (E) (The Hon Mrs C Yeales) D Grosel 6 TI 9 .J Goldstein (5)
P-33P B020 (33) (G) JM Ryath 6 Ryat 6 TI 3 ... J Tizzard 6
P MICHAEL MASTER (14) (The Pops Partners! R Curts 6 TI 3 ... J Tizzard 6
948-2 ROSEY BOY (14) (Misc Pards Wilson 5 Mr M 5 Wilson) M Priman 6 TI 3 N Williamson 550-4U YMK ALFARAJ (117) (Misc J Colleon) P Murphy 5 TI 3 ... L Appell 050-4U YMK ALFARAJ (117) (Misc J Colleon) P Murphy 5 TI 3 ... P Hide -5 declared -

BETTING: 5-4 Jim Jam Joey, 6-4 Rosey Boy, 5-1 Bozo, 16-1 Yek Alfaraj, 33-1 Midnight Master, Kito-

FORM GUIDE

Jim Jam Josy: Winner over 2m6f here in Dec. Looking one-paced in ordinary company since but ideally suited by this trip and could take some pegging back. Bozo: Not out of it on close 2md to Royal Ardic at Kempton (2m5f nov hoan, soft) last som but below form effertwands and disappointing over fences recently. Midnight Master: Showed up early, but eventually tailed off when pulled up 4 out in race won by Ardic Camper over 2m6f here (good to acity on debut. Up against it Ricesy Boy; Battled on well when 19 tengths 2md of 13 to Ardic Camper here (2m6f nov. good to soft). Progressive sort, who should be ideally suited by this trip tak Altimat Correct heart of the rights with to The Bargeman at Easter (2m6f nov hear good to soft), in October leaves him way admit of the pick here.

VERDICCT: The street heart way admit of the pick here.

VERDICT: The should be a match between ROSEY BOY and Jim Jam Josy. Garde Grassel's stayer has had some hard races and his 6th winner's penalty could to prove too much of a burden over this merathon trip against a steadily-improving rival.

MUSSELBURGH

2.00 Iron Mountain 2.30 Ruber 3.00 Rossel 3.30 WELSH MOUNTAIN (nap) 4.00 Titasi 4.30 Desert Brave 5.00 Enborne

■ Right-hand ovel course with tight turns.
■ Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on A1 Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION: Cub £12; Grandstand & Paddock £7 (OAPs and unemployed £9, Accompanied under-18s free. CAR PABIK: Free. FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

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LEADING TRAINERS: M Hammond 22-127 (173%), J H Johnson 20-18 (188%), P Montaith 49-66 (82%), F Murphy 10-32 (513%), E LEADING JOCKEYS: A Dobbin 20-12 (179%), P Carberry 15-53 (23.3%), B Storey 14-144 (9.7%), P Niven 13-75 (17.3%), E Storey 14-144 (9.7%), P Niven 13-75 (17.3%), E LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Charming Girl (3.00), Citizen Kane (4.00) and Marifine Dream (4.30) have been sent 370 miles. BUNNERED FIRST TIME: Norse.

2.00 MCEWANS 70/- MAIDEN HURDLE

2,00	(CLASS E) £3,000 added 4YO 2m
QP.	ALWAYS THYING (84) M Hammord 11 5
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	DOOT (USA) (19) M Barnes 11 5
	IRON MOUNTAIN (F123) N Calagren 11 5 J P Spencer
	LE SALVAGE (F31) D Butter 11 5
6000	POLO VENTURE (89) M Hammond 11 5
	STREET (19) EW Tuer 11 5K Johnson
	WHITEGATES PRINCE (20) B Elison II 5
	BRIDE'S ANSWER (F146) C Grant 11 0
0	CAMPARI (14) Mrs A Naughton 11 0
035	GOLDENGIRLANCHELLE (14) F Musphy 11 0 A Maguire
	PAPLET MOLD'AMOUR (19) D STREET TIO L Wyse
235	TENDER TOUCH (51) Miss K Magen 11 0
40U540	TOTAL TROPIX (16) Mrs S Brachure 11 0 Mr 11 Brachurne (3)
	TREASURE ISLAND (11) F Murphy 11 01_briding (7)

= 15 declared -BETTING: 5-2 Iron Mountain, 7-2 Polo Venture, 8-2 Seriet, 5-1 Curriculus, 6-1 Goldengifamichelle, Tender Touch, 20-1 Treasure Island, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT POLO VENTURE may not have been quite right when a mod-erate that here in December and a probably better judged on his second to Dangerus Precedent at Huntingdon in No-vention Newcomer from Mountain could pose the main threat.

2.30 FORTH FM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING H'CAP HURDLE (G) \$3,000 3m

- 10 declared Winimum weight 10st. True hands can weigher: Pleasadasounch 9st 12th, In-Advances weight: 1985. Inter leads that 11th.

BETTING: 3-1 Florier, 4-1 Ratlegie, 6-1 She's Alf Heart, 13-2 Bridle Path, 8-1 Doctomaster, Mr Coristie, 18-1 Astraiour, Indian Vicercy, 12-1 others FORM VERDICT

RUBER is holding his form and can notify his third win of the season. He had Bridle Path in rear when second here last morain, and reproduction of that form should be good enough

3.00 MCEWANS 80/- NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m BETTING: 54 Charming Girl, 2-1 Rossel, 7-2 Stanh The Cash, 14-1 Kobell,

FORM VERDICT Only three to consider here and the ground may have gone against Charming Girl which leaves just Rossel and STASH. THE CASH. Of those two the latter is much preferred as he comes here a fresh horse and with Micky Hammond's string back in form he is confidently expected to take care of Rossell. 3.30 MILLER PILSNER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m

4.00 MCEWANS LAGER NOVICE H'CAP HURDLE (F) £3,500 added 2m 4f

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FORM VERDICT

Although the ground might be a bit softer than he would ideally want, MILTASARRUF was so impressive last time that if he's in the same form he should take care of the moderate bunch. The main threat could well come from Curtain-

4.30 KRONENBOURG 1664 HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m

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5F-69 METLINS DREAM (46) (D) O Sterwood 10 Ti D. J Oeborne
SU-13 DANEY'S GORSE [19] (C) J Jehrson 7 Ti J ... 7 Stidell (5) B
35922 SALEN BEACH (19) (CD) M Todrunter 7 TO 10 C McCommick (1)
OPOUL DESERT BRAVE [12] Mix 5 Smith 8 TO 5 Durack
6-5140 COMMANDER GLEN (83) (C) M Harmond 7 TO 1... 8 Harding
OPS4F MAYSE O'GRADY (15) (D) W Cunningham TO 10 ... N Smith
POS0 BIT DF A DREAM (110) Mix 5 Smith 8 TO ... D Elsworth (7)
-7 declared ...

Marament weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Maybe O'grady 9st 12b, 9a Of A Dream Ser Bib BETTING: 5-2 Salem Beech, 11-4 Denbys Gorse, 5-1 Commander Glen, 11-2 Desert Brave, Maybe O'Grady, 10-1 Morfins Dream, 25-1 Bit Of A

FORM VERDICT

Nearly all of these are top-of-the-ground horses and those web-ing to have a bet would be wree to wait until near the off when the state of the ground is clear. However there is likely to be some give undertoot and for that reason SALEM BEACH is

5.00 MILLER GENUINE DRAFT INTERMEDIATE
OPEN NH FLAT RACE (H) \$1,750 2m

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- 6 declared -BETTRIG: 7-4 Emborne, 3-1 Lobbingstong, 5-1 Moont Shart, 6-1 Step The Gossip, 8-1 Step HM, 16-1 Urille Wossell, Romember Equiname, 33-1 others FORM VERDICT

Mount Stuart is by far the most interesting newcomer in the field and wouldn't have to be any great shakes to win this. However, BREA HILL, has shown enough to suggest he is up to winning races of this nature and comes from a stable being in



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'Big Supes' turns silver into gold

YESTERDAY EUROPE, today the world. Wins hy Jamie Baulch and Ashia Hansen on the final day of the World Indoor Championsbips here completed Britain's best ever perforimpetus of last year's European Championship suc-

cess was maintained. Taking in Colin Jackson's 60 metres hurdles victory on Friday, Britain's total of gold medals rose to three, one more than their previous best in Toronto six years ago. No other country won more golds here. And with additional bronze hedals from the 400m relay and the 60m, where Jason Gardener broke Linford Christie's fouryear-old European record, the team secured fourth place in the medals table.

Both Baulch and Hansen had won silver the last time these championships were held two years ago in Paris. Yesterday they went one better with impressive displays of self-

One moment of decision as the runners broke from their lanes after 150 metres allowed Baulch to hecome the first Briton to win a global 400m title since Eric Liddell took the Olympic gold 75 years ago.

Having earned a favourable ,-place in lane five as fastest qualfier, Baulch, who had started conservatively, swooped down from the banking and accelerated into the lead through a nar-

"Getting to the bell first is crucial indoors," he said. "If you don't dominate the race by then the chances are very limited. I knew I had to get in first, relax down the back straight and leave something left for the finish, and I'm just so happy

His winning time of 45.73sec was slower than he had run as

many rugby league achieve-

the top try-scoring English-

grabbed the 447th try of his ca-

reer to help London Broncos

JJB SPORTS SUPER

Bradford (8) 18, Sheffield (6) 6, Brad-ford: Tries Lowes, McAroy, Withers; Goals H Paul 3, Sheffield: Try Warson; Goal As-ton, (12,044)

ton. (12,044)
Castleford (8) 12. Walerfield (6) 1D.
Castleford: Try Maloney, Goals Orr 4,
Walkefield: Wies Crowbers, Poching: Goal
Hodgson (7,233)
Hallfau (8) 14, Warrington (12) 16. HelKas: Tries Moana, Pinkney, Goals Holroyd 3, Warrington: Tries Kob-Love,
100 Currle, Penny, Goals Briers 2, (4,679)

Specialitie, Penny, Goals Briers 2, (4,673) Special (14) 24, Huddersfield (8) 18. London: Tries Fleming, Hammond, Or-flah, Foliett: Goals Worton 4, Hudders-field: Tries Cheetham 2, Weston; Goals Goulding 3, (2,278)

The former Widnes, Wigan

and Great Britain winger Boston (571).

man of all time.

BY MIKE ROWBOTTOM in Maebashi, Japan

was overtaken in the final mance in this event as the straight after starting too quickly. But his performance this time was that of a mature competitor.

Baulch gave much of the

credit for that transformation to Christie, who has coached him for two years. "He has made an amazing contribution," Baulch said. "My mental power is so much better than it used to be. I wasn't scared this time like I had been in Paris. I'm better tactically now, and I kept my cool." Minutes after his victory, Baulch took a call on a mobile phone from Christie, who had set his alarm for 5.30 in the morning back home in Iver Heath.

Grinning like a satyr, the Weishman then announced that he had an additional title to world champion - "Big Supes." He explained: "Whenever Linford answers his mobile, he says, 'Yo, Big Supes' - Supes meaning superstar. He just called me that now, so I'm quite proud."

Big Supes II also anchored the relay team to a British record of 3min 3.20sec behind the United States and Poland, thus hringing his earnings for the day to \$52,266 (£32,600) -\$50,000 for winning the 400m and a sixth share of the \$15,000 given to the relay squad.

Much of the money will be ploughed straight back into his training for the outdoor world championships. After spending a week back home in Cardiff with his partner Suzannah and their four-year-old son, Jay, he will return for further warm weather work in Australia, where he had prepared for this

championship. Hansen's plans are also in a 23 year old in Paris, where he fine shape after the disrup-

the all-time list after the Aus-

and the Welshman Billy

tralian Brian Bevan (796 tries),

Karle Hammond, Tulsen Tol-

lett and Greg Fleming scored

Salford (70) 12, St Helens (10) 30. Sal-ford: Tries Crompton, Hayes: Goals Blake-ley 2. Sc Helens: Tries Long 3, Newlove 2, Sculthorpe; Goals Long 3, (8,378)

NORTHERN FORD

PREMIERSHIP

MARTIN OFFIAH added to his RUGBY LEAGUE

ments yesterday to become League match. He is third in

to a 24-18 win over Hudders- the Broncos' other tries and

tions of last year, when, after winning the European indoor triple jump title in a world record of 15.16 metres, she missed most of the summer with a heel injury.

An opening effort of 15.02 proved sufficient to defeat a field which included all her major rivals, although Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, and Sarka Kasparkova, of the Czech Republic, came perilously close with jumps of 14.94 and 14.87 metres respectively.

As her lead narrowed. Hansen sat cross-legged beside the runway with every appearance of serenity. It was a false impression. "I may have looked cool, but I wasn't," she said. "My nerves were frayed.

"When Prandzheva jumped 14.94 I thought, 'God, that's enough to win it!' I came here to break my world record so I'm a bit disappointed about that But it doesn't matter how far I jump, I'll always be craving for

In the end, her tactie of nents right from the start paid off. Her next plan involved returning to her room to drink the champagne she had brought over from England. "I thought it would be good to drink if I won," she said. "And if I didn't, I could get plastered." It will no doubt have tasted sweet and hubbly. Gardener, who failed to qual-

ify for last year's European Championships, finally earned the kind of reward his talents merit with a 60m time of 6.46sec, 0.01 inside the mark Christie set in 1995.

The 23 year old from Bath finished behind two Americans - world record holder Maurice Greene, who won in 6.42, and Tim Harden, who recorded 6.43. But Gardener felt he might have done even better if he had not, as he put it, "fallen out of



Britain's Ashia Hansen is just a hop, step and a jump from the triple jump gold medal at the World Indoor Championships in Japan yesterday

Haile Gebrselassie, world record holder at 5,000 and 10,000m, emphasised his postbon as a peerless middle distance runner by adding the 1500m title to the 3000m gold he years earlier. had won on the opening day. Nobody has matched that range of international return after

A superb second half per-

steered Ellery Hanley's St He-

playing into the gale in the first

half, the Wolves turned around

12-8 in front, thanks to tries

from Steve McCurrie and Toa

Koa-Love and never looked

Sheffield Eagles sensed a re-

peat of last season's shock win

at Bradford Bulls when they col-

lected a try courtesy of Dave

Watson, hut tries from James

Lowes, Nathan McAvoy and

Michael Withers and three

FORM VERDICT

Most of these have been running well of late but there could be further improvement to come from QUEZON CTY, who seemed to be ridden too forcefully in a strongly-run event over C&D less time and can turn the tables on He's Got Wings

today. This is more competitive then the event that Uniform won last time, but she could do no more then win well on her AW debut and is clearly open to improvement.

3.40 MARKHAM MOOR HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 6f

- 12 declared -

- 12 consumo -BETTRIQ: 7-2 Redoubtible, 5-1 Octar, 11-2 Euro Venturo, 13-2 Jetra Bowdler Mosic, 7-1 Most, 8-1 Maltermia, 10-1 Rude Awakening, 12-1 others

FORM VERDICT

This looks a suitable opportunity for OCKER to score a de-served success. He did remarkably well from the wide out-side draw when a close third to flom Tun and Euro Venture

here lest time and from today's better draw can turn the ta-

bles on the latter as well as confirming his superiority over John Roweller Music and Redoubtable.

4.10 RUFFORD SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) \$2,500 added 1m

— 16 declared — BETTING: 7-2 Scathebury, 9-2 Assesome Venture, 5-1 Brockuns Line, 7-1 Crofters Edge, 10-1 Future Prospect, 12-1 Time Out, 14-1 Adirpost, Sharp Monkey, 18-1 others – 16 declared –

18-6 final scoreline.

at Salford.

back.

accomplishment since 1928, when Paavo Nurmi, the Flying Finn, added the Olympic 10.000m title to the 1500 and 5000m titles he had won four

Steve Smith, making his

recovering from a serious neck injury, failed to clear his opening height of 2.25 metres. Javier Sotomayor, of Cuba, continued business as usual, a height of 2.36 earning him his fourth gold at these championships. Results, Digest, page 9

lieved, actually," said Phillips,

who moved up to 14th on the

Order of Merit and 18th in the

temperament to win and it's been frustrating not to win. But

I always believed in myself and

felt I was good enough to win."

Phillips made it on to the Euro-

pean Tour and he finished third

behind Ernie Els In the South

A tournament win proved eiusive until this week but now

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African PGA in his first season.

It was not until 1995 that

"I've always felt I had the

Ryder Cup table.

McGrath has the last word

AUSTRALIA QUICKLY completed their spectacular rout of the West Indies of the previous afternoon and proceeded to in Port of Spain consolidate their advantage on the third day of the first Test

here yesterday. Glenn McGrath, who had initiated the West Indian demise in the last hour on Saturday, plucked out Merv Dillon's off-stump with a late in-swinger in the day's opening over. It completed a collapse in which the last seven wickets fell for 18 and surrendered a match-winning lead of 102 to the combative Australians. By tea, delayed after two rain interruptions on a cloudy, humid afternoon, they had extended their lead to 228, reaching 126 for 2 with opener Michael Slater, 62, and Mark Waugh, 33, well entrenched in a partnership already worth 81.

Dillon was McGrath's fifth wicket, the 12th time in his 46 Tests the New South Welshman has collected at least half the

The batting failure was depressingly familiar for the West Indles. It followed captain Brian Lara's freak run out for 62, just as his dismissal led to the loss of the last eight wickets for 42 in their previous Test, against South Africa in January.

Once again, the West Indian bowlers were left with a thankess task of salvaging something from the match. They made an encouraging start, however. New South Wales in the Sh Courtney Walsh carried his tally Shield against Tasmania.

Flintoff provides platform

England A 350 & 288 President's XI 199 & 142-3

followed by a productive stint in the field yielded three vital wickets against the President's

XI in Cape Town yesterday. It was evident from the start of play that England intended to give themselves time in which to achieve a result. An- clared Pakistan's second indrew Flintoff, with a licence to attack, duly obliged. By mixing nings at 314 for 8.

PARISTAN - First lanlags 398 [Wajaharullah Wasti 133, Yousaf Yohanna 83.

England had set the Presi-unlikely when Steve Harmison

took two early wickets.

he has broken his duck, he promised nothing would change. "Til be back playing next week; it'll be business as

BY TONY COZIER

Australia 269 and 126-2 **West Indies 167**

of Test wickets to 401 when he had the left-handed opener. Matthew Elliott caught at slip. to an edged catch, to the wicket-keeper Ridley Jacobs, off Mery Dillon. But Slater and Waugh ensured there were no further set-backs.

Trust day, Australia men (ass AUSTRALIA – First healings 269 [G Sto 58, C Valish 3 tor 60, C Ambrose 3 for WEST INDEES – First leadings (Overnight 167 for 9) 5 L Campbell liby b McGram

Mark Taylor, the former Australian test cricket captain, expects to play the final game of his first-class career this week, for New South Wales in the Sheffield

Pakistan head for victory

Pakistan 398 and 314 Sri Lanka 328 and 60-0

WAJAHATULLAH WASTI hetour of South Africa with another came the third Pakistani to hit win, after resolute batting a century in each Test innings with an unbeaten 105 against Sri Lanka in Lahore in their Asian Champlonship game.

Set 385 to win, Sri Lanka made 60 without loss before bad light cut 18 overs off the fourth day's play. Wasim Akram de-

aggression with placement, he made it difficult to set a field.

Fintoff was out for 80 and Fineland had set the Presi
England had set the Presi
4-30, Saglain Mushraq 4-82) PAKISTAN - Second In

Yousaf Yohanna st Kaluwitha b Bandarathilak

Total (for 0) 60 Bowling (to date): Wasim Aktam 5-0-25-0 (nb2). Fazi-e-Akbat 3-0-15-0, Sazim Mushtaq 4-3-2-0, Shahid Nazit 2-0-9-0.

Salim Malik and Aamir Sohail are omitted from the 19 probables for Pakistan's squad for the World Cup at Lord's on 14 May Squad, Digest, page 9

SOUTHWELL

1.40 Windshift 2.10 Proapector's Cove 2.40 Copernicua 3.10 Quezon City 3.40 Euro Venture (nb) 4.10 Scathebury 4.40 Linea-G 5.10

GOING: Standard. STALLS: Inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: Middle to low best for 5t, low best for 7t.
Fibresand surface; left-hand sharp, ovel course.
Course is 3m SE of town and Sm W of Newark. Rolleston Junction adjoins course. A OMISSION: Club £12; Tattersale £8. (OAP

tion angles course. A OMTSSION: Club S12; Tettersalis S5 (OAP members of course's Demond Club S4, accompanied under 166 tree) CAR PARK: Free.

FIVE-VEAR STATISTICS

II LEADING TRANIERS: M Johnston 43-28 (187%), J L Byre 42-305 (188%), S Bowring 42-382 (107%), R Hollinsheed 40-401 (10%), IE LEADING JOCKEYS: J Quinn 45-504 (89%), J Weaver 37-226 (162%), L Charmock S5-389 (9%), G Duffield 31-225 (188%), IE FAVOURITES: 492-4458 (53.7%), B LINKERED FIRST TIME: Madam Lucy (visored, 440), Aldwych prow (440), Macch One (530).

1.40 RETFORD HANDICAP (CLASS E) (DIV i) £3,500 added 1m

1) 23,5UU BIOGEO 1111

00-061 HEVER GOLF GLORY (16) (0) G Kellett 50 10... T Williams 14
25:500- MOVING PRINCESS (163) Mas 5 Hell 4 9 7.... A McGiora 1
2-1-201 WINDESET (7) (CD) D Stow 3 8 3 (64)... R Winston (3) 13 V
02000- MOVING ARROW (142) (D) Mrs M Reveloy 6 9 2... A Culture 5
60001- THE STAGER (105) (CD) J Jenkins 7 8 13... C Lowther 16
0-5002 ALMAZHAR (7) J L Eyre 4 8 17... C Lowther 16
034:92 SLIP JIG (J11) K Burke 8 8 11... (Sultur (5) 3 B
03-253 WITHOUT FRIENDS (20) (D) Mrs M Macaulay 5 8 10...
Dean McKeown 7 V 8 00-263 WITHOUT FRIENDS (20) (D) Mrs N Marcaley 5 8 10 Deen MicKnown 7 V
9 60-200 ERRPT (10) M Britain 8 8 8 Deen MicKnown 7 V
10 10-463 STATISTICIAN (13) (D) John Berry 7 8 8 D Williamston (7) 11 E
10 20-204 SHONTAINE (11) (CD) M Johnston 8 8 2 G Bandwell 2
10 30200 RAASED (108) (CD) F Wateron 8 8 2 G Bandwell 2
10 30200 RAASED (108) (CD) F Wateron 7 8 B (Chaberley Hart (5) 8
14 5050-0 GENUINE JOHN (24) (C) (D) J Parkes 6 7 3 J Quinn 12 B
14 declared —
BETTING: 8-2 Windshift, 5-1 Haver Gelf Glory, 13-2 Moving Arrow, 7-1
The Stager, Silp Jig, 8-1 Almascher, 12-1 Without Friends, Shontaine, 14-1
others

FORM VERDICT Hever Golf Glory looks to have a stiffish task off top-weight, and preference is for the improving WINDSHIFT, who scored quite readily here a week ago and looks capable of adding to that success off just a 2th higher mark.

2.10 RETFORD HANDICAP (CLASS E) (Div II) £3,500 added 1m

PREMIERSHIP
Barrow (12) 30. Featherstone (4) 18.
Barrow (12) 30. Featherstone (4) 18.
Barrow (16:Shodes 2, Lucon, Manhera,
Whitner, Goals Holt 5. Featherstones Wies
Braneld, Shmonds, Goal Chapman, (1,138)
Batley (8) 8. Hunslet (6) 14. Batley:
Whes Price 2. Hunslet: Thies Fathowna,
Fletcher, Goals Fletcher 3. (847)
Keighley (8) 8. Vork (4) 18. Keighley:
Thies Calvert, Larder. Vork: Thes Benn,
Lambert: Goal Benn, (1,878)
Lancashire Lynu: Tries P Jones 2.
Walsh; Goals P Jones 4: Drops Flanagan

ford, who were reduced to 12 men following the dismissal of prop Dean Sampson. But Tigers stand-off Danny Orr field in their opening Super Brett Warton kicked four goals landed two penalty goals in

12-I0 opening defeat by Castle-

dersfield.

touched down twice for Hud- a dramatic win.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS 2. Denosburg: Try Godfrey; Goals Eaton 4. (360)

4. (360)
Leigh (16) 24. Whitehaven (8) 20. Leigh:
Tries K Purulli 2, Hadcroft, H9ton, Murray;
Goals D Puruli 2, Whitehaven: Tries Seeds
2, Witchen; Goals Kitchen 4, (1,124)
Swinton (14) 23. Brazziey (8) 8. Swinton:
Tries Geary, Eccles, McCabe; Goals
Watson 4, Gartland; Drop Gartland, Brazziey; Try A Gibbons; Goals A Gibbons 2, (887)
Wildings (2) 8. Rochelale (0) 2, Michael Widnes (2) 8, Rochdale (0) 2. Widnes: Goals Hewitt 3. Rochdale: Goal Fizzer-ald. (2,684)

Workington (12) 22, Doucaster (4) 22, Workington (12) 22, Doucaster (4) 22, Workington Tries Forber 2, Oose, Goals Cose 5, Doucaster Tries Affie Goulbourne 2, Okal, Summerhill; Goals Creaser 3, (1,000).

ed: Hull Kingston Rovers v Old-

35-82 GAIN LINE (USA) (29) (CD) K Sell 8 8 11 ___ G Hamnon (7) 3
34-93 TONNERRE (14) K Morgan 7 8 8 ___ P Fizzimons (7) 8
34-90 CHRIABERRY (21) (CD) M British 5 8 8 ___ D Memagi (5) 1
3500-5 GULES CHIZCHE (10) (69) J J J J Guim 4 8 8 ___ P Goode (5) 8
5500- GUESTAN (156) (D) 8 Brinari 7 8 4 ___ S Drowne 12
05542 KANAWA (11) (C) A P Jcne 5 8 1 ____ F Norton 4
03035 MOONLIGHT FLIT (21) J L Eyre 4 7 13 ___ J Gulan 2
0024 SHAMOKIN (7) F Wasson 7 7 12 __ Kimberley Hart (5) 11
050-00 MISTER MUNESHLY (24) (D) J Juntars 5 7 10.1 MicAuley (7) 5
__ 14 declared -__

14 050-00 MISTER MURRISLE (20) up a sense of the sense of

FORM VERDICT Gain Line has been in good form and should not be far away while Kanawa seems to be progressing, but the booking of Jimmy Quinn for MOONLIGHT FLIT takes the eye and any improvement on her recent efforts will see the combination go very close.

2.40 SKEGBY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £3,750 added 1m 4f

FORM VERDICT The market will reveal the confidence in the likes of Coper-nicus, Terrazzo, Mariene and Country Orchid, who could

have potential but either fack AW soperinace or have been off for some time, in contest, ARTHURS KINGDOM and Robellita are in term and proven here, with the former looking to have

3.10 NORMANTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,500 added 2m

Offiah breaks English scoring record Phillips holds nerve to win first Tour title while winger Andy Cheetham the last fou minutes to snatch GOLF

VAN PHILLIPS breathed a sigh Super League new boys formance, highlighted by a hat-Wakefield Trinity suffered a trick of tries from Sean Long. of relief after surviving a nailhiting play-off to claim his first lens to an impressive 30-12 win European Tour title at the Algarve Portuguese Open. The Warrington followed up their 26-year-old from Maidenhead Challenge Cup win over Halitook the first prize with a par four on the first play-off hole fax with a 16-14 win over the Blue Sox at The Shay. Despite after his compatriot John Bick-

> into a greenside bunker. The pair, playing in the last group, had finished tied on a 12 under par total of 276 after closing rounds of 68, three ahead of the Swede Robert Karlsson. Germany's Alex Cejka and

> erton had fluffed his third shot

Spain's Santiago Luna. And it was the former Walker Cup player Phillips who held his nerve better when it matgoals by Henry Paul, brought an

tered most to earn his first title m only his third full year on tour "It feels great and I feel re-

> FORM VERDICT Most of these are infrequent winners and/or unreliable and this a contest to treat with caution. The booking of Kieren Fallon for Scatthebury takes the eye as the champion jockey has won three times from just seven these on the top weight, but the market is Risky to reflect that and there are several others with fair chances as well. Awasome Venture has claims on last tasks in second but leading upon the operation of the market is a claim. week's second but losing runs do not come much longer than his and preference is for CROFTERS EDGE, who probably

usual." he said.

4.40 TUXFORD HANDICAP (CLASS F) (Div I) £3,000 added 1m 4f

2 4851-3 JOHNME THE JÖKER (10) (CD) J Legh 88 10.

Dean McKeown 8 8
3 D-505 COLONEL CUSTER (5) (C) (SP) J Peace 4 86 . G Bardwell 1
4 D-564 VINCENT (10) (CD) J Legh 98 10.
5 4-5042 ALDWYCH ARROW (14) M A Buckley 4 8 11 . J Famoing 19 8
6 D0-044 AJDAR (18) (CD) Mrs S Lumyman 8 8 10 . J Quiton 8 V
7 4000-1 LINES-6 (7) (CD) Mrs M Proviley 58 8 (Sect. ... A Cultimon 11
8 C000- MADAM LUCY (201) Mrs N Macauley 58 5. ... P McCaibe 9 V
8 66-005 NORTH ARDAR (11) (C) (D) R Brotherton 98 1 ... F Norton 7
10 /40-55 MYSTERIUM (15) N Literation 5 7 13 J Tate 3
11 /2-00 POLAR RETRAIN (21) J L Eyre 6 7 10 P M Quiton (7) 4
-11 (declared Minimum weight: 7x 100. True handicap weight: Polar Retrain 7xt 28.
BETTING: 3-1 Lines-G, 5-1 Swift, Colonel Custer, 8-1 Vincent, Aldwych Arrow, 7-1 Johnnie The John, 14-1 Ajdix; 20-1 others
FORM VERDICCT

FORM VERDICT

Linea-G's win here last week looks fairly suspect and preference is for ALDWYCH ARROW, who was staying on well when second to Colonel Custer over im3f here last month and is taken to reverse the placings over this longer inp.

5.10 TUXFORD HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV

2040. STATU-JACK (S1) (C) (D) D Elsenth #1 9 12 ... N Polizari (S) 5 8
3/21 HISSENATE (13) (D) K Buris 5 8 8 ... D Sweensy 4
201-05 RIVER CAPTAIN (21) (CD) D Murray Smith 5 8 2 ... C Loudher 2
00000 JACK THE LAD (295) T Hydrerton 5 8 2 ... M Tabbuts 7
02538 SKYERS A KTEE (144) (D) Ron Thompson 4 8 71 ... T Williams 3
0000- BUTY (OliGHT (161) R Person 4 8 7 ... G Outfield 8 8
06405 APPROVED CHALITY (204) F Murphy 8 8 3 ... J Colonn 1
000-05 KARINSKA (21) (C) M Chepran 8 8 0 ... S Righton (7) 6
340-41 JAME ANN (4) A Jarva 3 7 72 (Ser) ... Martin Dwyte 10
00-06 THE COTTONWOOL KID (144) Mrs A Naughton 7 7 10 ... Incan Wands (5) 11 V 9 803-63 CROFTERS EDGE (16) A Janvis 48 2 ... Mention 10
10 00-40 R/TURE PROSPECT (11) (0) M A Buckley 58 12 ... G Cartier 2
11 43 BICH PERFECT (JSS) J Natherion 48 2 ... R Lappin 8
12 0500- JOHNNY STACCATO (7) M Curm 58 2 ... J Weaver 5
13 0-0050 LIFF BOY (JSS) AS 9 Paggyma 108 12 ... R Painter 4
14 0600/0 MHEANMETOO (JSS) A P Jones 58 2 ... F Norton 7
15 200-0 PINE RIDGE LAD (7) (CD) J L Harris 58 2 ... J Obdan 1
16 0-4030 SHARP MONKEY (26) (CD) Mrs N Macadiey 4 8 2 ... P Norton 14 V - 11 declared -

- 11 deciares Marimum weight: 7st 10th. Time hardings weight: The Common Nid 7st 2th.
BETTING: 2-1 Hiberneta, 11-2 Nach One, 13-2 Statejack, 7-1 Skyers A Kita,
8-1 River Captain, 10-1 Approved Quality, 12-1 Jane Ann, 18-1 others
FORM VERDICT

FURM VERDICT

Mach One could well come good at last in first-orne blinkers, but JANE ANN is preferred. She did not beat a lot at Ling-field last week, but that run did suggest that she has now come to hand and there can be no excusses as regards fitness if she tals to get the trip here. She looks worth a chance to prove she is a true middle-distance performer.

Pearn is Kerly's heir

top of the Premier Division as the leaders, Cannock, were held BY BILL COLWILL at Southgate and third-placed Canterbury went down at Read- Humphries as the visitors took ing, who nevertheless remain in fourth position. The day's sur-

prising result was the 7-1 annihilation of Guildford by Teddington, whose playercoach, Brett Garrard, scored a hat-trick. And all that after Ian Jennings had given Guildford a second-minute lead.

THERE WAS no change at the

There was a display of vintage Sean Kerly in the first half of Canterbury's game at Reading. The old campaigner set up Canterbury's first two goals for Paul Wicken and Stuart

HOCKEY

a two-goal lead. Reading clawed their way back, taking advantage of the

temporary suspension of Canterbury's captain, David Hacker, to equalise. A brilliant solo goal by the player most likely to take over Kerly's mantle -Mark Pearn - put Reading ahead for the first time in the game. Pearn got a second and Scott Ashdown collected his brace as Reading took control in the last quarter of the game. Results, Digest, page 9

Giants lead the pack

MANCHESTER GIANTS have taken a clear lead in the Budweiser League, and set the By RICHARD TAYLOR tone for a week they expect to end in triumph at the League Trophy Final against Derby Storm on Saturday night.

Two free throws from Tony Dorsey edged Giants to a 94-92 win over Newcastle Eagles, while the previous joint leaders, Sheffield Sharks, were losing 84-77 at Greater London Leopards for their fourth defeat of

the season.

BASKETBALL

Derby, who face Giants in the Trophy Final without the banned Rico Alderson and Yorick Williams, were also without their suspended coach, Bob Donewald, for Saturday's 77-66 defeat at London Towers.

Donewald will complete his latest two-game ban at home to Edinburgh Rocks on Wednesday night, in time for the final

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Gateshead Leeds

GATESHEAD COULD not quite celebrate the opening of Super League's new frontier with a win over arguably the strongest side in the competition, but they went close enough to make it a sterling debut.

Leeds looked likely on occasion to run away with the match, but the Thunder showed great resilience in fighting back, only to be finally subdued by Francis Cummings' try in the last five minutes.

As if fate has not done enough to their plans in the shape of a clash with Newcastle United, the foul weather also conspired against Gateshead's efforts to get the new venture off to a flying start. That had the predictable ef-

fect on the pitch, which was far too wet for their preferred style of rugby, and on the attendance, which was poor reward for all the work that has been put into this north-east outpost.

The sodden conditions even stopped the pre-match fireworks catching alight, although the game itself was anything but a damp squib.

Gateshead took the game to their visitors and Craig Wilson came close to registering their first Super League points when his drop-goal attempt was charged down. He was then indirectly responsible for the first points conceded by the Thunder when he stole the ball from Barrie McDermott to give Iestyn Harris a kickable penalty.

The first try to get past them was unlucky. Harris lost the ball in a tackle near the Gateshead line and it flicked up off the boot of Daryl Powell straight into Marc Glanville's arms, Harris compounding the ill-fortune with the conversion.

Gateshead looked enterprising and made any number of half breaks but could not get His kick continued Gateshead's



Danny Lee of Gateshead Thunder is brought to a halt by four Leeds Rhinos players last night

began to make handling errors as they forced their passes.

They paid for the rough edges that were creeping into their play when a knock-on and two penalties moved Leeds from one end of the field to the other and Harris's dummy and dart for the line took him over.

half-time they made their breakthrough. Will Robinson put in a cross-field kick that Leroy Rivett lost under pressure, allowing Craig Simon to claim their debut try.

The majority of a near 6,000 crowd that was respectable under the circumstances at last cis Cummins had a try disal-

there were almost two more points on the board. Ian Herron, who had missed badly with his conversion, hit the post with a penalty. All the same, Geteshead had an inkling that things might be turning in their favour when, in the space of minutes, Fran-

through the Leeds defence and tough introduction to Super had something to cheer. Four lowed for Leeds and Simon took League, but two minutes before minutes into the second half Willie Peters's long pass to scramble over for Gateshead's

> Herron again hit the uprights to prevent Gateshead getting any closer than six points and then more trickery from Harris, with a forward pass to Powell, put them further in arrears.

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Robinson's kick, taken by the leaping Matt Daylight, brought Gatesbead back into it on the hour, Herran this time landing the goal from the touchline. Gataskradt Sammur, Herron, Grogan, Simon, Daylight, Robirdon, Peters, Lee, Watters, Groot, Wilson, Festit, Grimatil, Bubseltustes: Bird, S Alwood, Maher, Hick, Laudis: Harris, Rivett, Golden, Godden, Currypins, Powell, Sterkian, Fleany, Newton, McDermott, Hay, Farrell, Glandille, Behaptheaer: Schiffe, Marthul, Jerken, Strikeld

Arkle proves a real champion

in the spring of 1964, Arkie, the greatest steeplechaser of all time, won the first of three Cheltenham Gold Cups. Dick Francis, later to become a hugely successful author, was there to report the event for the Sunday Express.

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IN ONE of the greatest Gold BY DICK FRANCIS Cup races seen at Cheltenham for years, Arkie, from Ireland, beat Mill House, the English star, fairlengths in record time yesterday. It left no doubt in any-

one's mind as to which is the

Never, even in the days of the great Golden Miller-Thomond II duel 29 years ago, has Cheltenham heard

The cheering increased as Arkle passed the post on his own - and it continued until long after the horses had been imsaddled and bad left the enclosure. Yes, it was a great day for the Irish.

The Walwyn stable as a whole seems to have struck an unaccountable bad patch, but this in no way detracts from the sizzling perfor-mance Pat Taaffe coaxed from the Irish challenger.

Up until the second-last fence the race was run just as I expected, with Mill House leading the other three horses at an even, fast

At the third open ditch right in front of the stands which Walwyn's fine 'chaser did not meet in his stride. there was little more than six lengths between all four run-

But on going down the hill soon afterwards, Willie Robinson shot his mount forward, and after two more

at Cheltenham

jumps Mill House and Arkle started to draw away from ly and squarely by five Pas Seul and King's Nephew who were soon many lengths

> At the top of the far hill just over half a mile from home - we all expected Mill House to increase his short lead over Arkie.

But Taaffe had other. such cheering as Arkle ideas Delaying his challenge forced his way to the front ap- until after jumping the secproaching the second last ond last fence, when it was soon evident what the result would be provided nothing untoward happened at the final one, he gradually drew

roarious welcome in the new time of 6 minutes 45 3/5 seconds - four seconds better than the previous record set by Saffron Tarton three years

Anne, duchess of Westminster, the owner, and trainer Tom Dreaper, were overjoyed, but Dreaper in his dry manner said. "I always thought he would win by five lengths and that is what he did."

He added that his great seven-year-old would next run in the Irish Grand National on Easter Monday.

Giving his impression of the race, Pat Taaffe said: "Arkle is the best horse I have ever ridden and I was never anxious at any stage.

"I knew we had won it three fences out, when I was still behind."



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With his public school education, hand-made suits, dinners at Marco Pierre White restaurants and holidays in the Caribbean, who'd have thought Piers Stefan Pughe-Morgan

would have ended up editing The Mirror (and not doing too badly either)?

> ff, then, to meet Piers Morgan, editor of The Mirror, the youngest-ever national newspaper editor, and a bloke who, after the mighty clanger that was "Achtung Surrender!", is now enerally regarded as "a good thing". It's all a bit weird, I must say, because I used to know him ages ago, when he was running The Sun's pop column, Bizarre, and I was a showbiz news reporter on the Daily Mail. We often had to attend the same events, where I would frequently distinguish myself by never recognising a news story until I read it elsewhere the next day.

"I know," says Piers, with a exasperated groan. "You

were hopeless." "You could have helped me out. You could have pointed me in the right direction every now and then." "The thing is, I chose never to run with the pack I was selfish. I did my own thing. I got more exclusives that way. Still, exclusives aren't what they used to be. We tend to put 'exclusive' on everything just to annoy other papers. I once even put 'exclusive' on the weather, by mistake."

He's a bright guy, and I like him, and he makes me laugh (mostly). He is shortly off to guest-edit an issue

DEBORAH ROSS INTERVIEW

of Cosmopolitan. I ask him what sort of pieces he's going to commission. How to have six orgasms and a power hreakfast while elbowing down the rubbish in the kitchen bin, perhaps? He says he read the magazine for the first time the other day, and "bloody hell, I had to drink a pint of bromide afterwards. There was a feature, he says, "on 100 ways to please your man. and I thought, three of these would be enough for me... I think few doubt that Piers is sharp enough. Or am-

bitious enough. ("All journalists should be ambitious. I want all my staff to want my joh" Or egocentric enough. But is he the right guy for The Mirror? I'm just not sure.

But that's OK, because I don't think anyone else is, either. Anyway, we meet at his office on the 22nd floor at Canary Wharf Tower. A big man, with a big face and small eyes and highly-polished, black shoes, he dashes in a few minutes late. He

says he's sorry but it's his wife's birthday on Monday and he had to rush out to buy her a card. He yes. And? "It's a trouser suit from Joseph. A light grey, creamy sort of thing." How lovely, I sigh enviously. For my last hirthday, I tell him, my loved one bought me a plastic nose on which to keep my spectacles. "God. If I bought that for

my wife, she'd shoot me," he

cries happily. He gives me a tour of the newsroom and I get a

quick run-down on tomorrow's main stories. The first interview with an American woman whose estranged husband injected their baby with Aids, so he didn't have to pay maintenance. "A great story." The continuing serialisation of Andrew Morton's Monico's Story, which Piers bought for £60,000, and which has attracted "an extra 300,000 readers a day". An update on baby Brooklyn. "A fantastic story for us, We're saying it's good Posh didn't conceive in Peckham, because then the baby would be Peckham Beckham. I say it's good we don't all have to name our children after the places where they were conceived, because my own son might have found it cumbersome going through life known as A Quickie on the Back Seat, Just Outside The Dog & Duck.

He introduces me to one of the long-standing feature writers while he strides purposefully off to do some thing else. The writer says Piers "is the best Mirror editor ever, and he's very kind. Just look at his face. It's as open as a frying-pan". Piers later says that, as an editor, you must be able to "ride rough-shod over the slings and arrows".

A successful newspaper must have a clear identity, and that identity must obviously come from the editor. But is Piers Morgan The Mirror? And what is The Mirror now, anyway?

Everyone seems to have a firm idea of what The Mirror once was. It was, they say, a great, left-leaning, compassionate, campaigning newspaper. It was Paul Foot and John Pilger and lots of hiking through Cambodia. Possibly we have always overrated this period in the paper's history, but, even so, its identity was constructed for many years around a passionate concern for social issues, while giving a voice to the working classes. I think this is what Piers thinks he ought to regain.

He does not, frankly, strike me as one of The Mirror's natural constituents. I'm not, here, referring to his salary - "What do I get? More than the Prime Minor whatever it is. These things go with the job. No. what I am referring to are his basic values. His politics. His lifestyle.

His first editorship, at 28, he's now 33 - was on Rupert Murdoch's extremely right-wing News of The World. Although he now describes himself as "New Labour-ish", he used to be a big fan of Thatcher. "It's heresy for a Mirror editor to admit it, but I did vote for her, yes." He's an ex-public-schoolboy who intends to dispatch his own two sons - Stanley, two, and Spencer, five - to private

schools at some point.

He has a tailor visit him here, in his office. "He brings shirts, cloth, shoes, everything..." He lives with his wife, a ward sister, in a hig house in Wandsworth, south London. He holidays in the Caribbean, "usually somewhere I've booked at the last minute, at great expense". He likes Marco Pierre White's restaurants "because he always hrings out a £3,000 bottle of desert wine. He's a card." I'm not sure he's ever had deep concerns

about the NHS. I think he thinks that he connects with his readers on the terraces. He is mad for Ar-senal, he says. "If you asked me what would be worse, getting sacked, or Dennis Bergkamp breaking both legs and never being able to play again, then I'd say Bergkamp breaking

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Town hall cabals

Sir. In publicising the threat to democracy from Labour's town hall "reforms" (letter, 5 March) Councillor Margaret Little has done your readers a great service. Does the Government really think the Westminster system - secretive, confrontational and antiquated has been such a huge success that "cabinets" should be foisted on councils throughout the land?

My own authority recently tried out the new ideas in a day-long role-play arranged by the Local Government Management Board. It swiftly became apparent that our seven-strong "cabinet" (drawn from all three political parties) was seriously overloaded: scrutinising the cabinet's operations effectively was difficult or impossible, and back-bench councillors were set to become as marginalised as their bapless counterparts at Westminster.

The result of these changes is likely to be a further exodus of capable people from local government. All parties find it hard to recruit candidates to serve as councillors at the moment, and the new system will worsen the problem. If power is to be monopolised by cabals of officials and senior councillors, the rest will have little incentive to serve as lobby fodder (unpaid) and may seek other ways of serving the community. Councillor ALAN HAYMAN Chairman. Public Protection Committee Colchester Borough Council

Sir: I share Councillor Margaret Little's concern. The creation of a mayor or leader with a small "cabinet" of senior councillors will lead to the formation of oligarchies to which promotion is likely to be by patronage, and where the influence of the remaining councillors will be small.

Colchester, Essex

Additionally, there is no mention in the Government's proposals of either town or parish councils. I suspect that this primary level of local government will be left to wither and in time to disappear. HARRY CUNLIFFE Member, East Hampshire District Council Waterlooville, Hampshire

Europe vs America

Sir: Several of your correspondents on the subject of the euro are at last recommending EMU to the getting to the heart of the matter (letters, 4 March). The issues are sovereignty and national identity, but not in the way that the tabloid press and the Tory party see them.

British sovereignty has been an illusion since 1945. British governments have been in hock to the USA ever since, both politically and economically. However this is dressed up, whether as the "special relationship" or pragmatic Antlanticism makes little difference. Britain is allowed to cultivate all the trappings of sovereignty-the monarchy, the pound and a thousand-year history -but it dances to the American

But what really saddens me is the way in which our values and culture are being eroded by global (read American) culture and values. I often wonder how many of those who cheerfully sport casual wear bearing the words USA or the American flag are also opposed to the European Union and the euro.

The only way to establish the realistic sovereignty we are entitled to as a medium-weight power, to protect our way of life and culture, is to join with other vigorous, culturally independent and proud nations in a further integrated Europe.

Can we stop pretending? PETER J KENNEDY

Sir: W H White contends that the case for an early referendum on EMU is compelling hecause, in its absence, the next general election will, perforce, become the referendum (letter, 5 March).

I think this view is mistaken. The next election will be decided on the record of the Government on a

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National Orchestra Week No 1: Pierre Boulez, about to conduct the Philharmonia Orchestra, with the mezzo-soprano Michelle Deyoung

David Rose

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JOHN M SMITH

Secretary Flore Heritage Society

range of policies and on the "voter appeal" of the main figures of the Labour and Conservative parties. The odds are against a narrowly based Conservative Party led by Hague or Portillo overturning the huge government majority.

A second general election victory will enormously strengthen the Government's hand in

In the same issue J W Smith of the UK Independence Party states that it is the pro-federalists (I hold up my hand) who will benefit from the intervention by Lord Owen and his New Europe movement. I do not quite follow the reasoning, but it does seem that the various antieuro groups have become a sort of outdoor relief for superannuated politicians in search of an audience. They are welcome to them GRAHAM PERKINS Bromyard, Herefordshire

Sir: I was amused by W H White's statement (letter, 5 March) that the Conservatives "have a clear position [on Europe] and which is

popular with the public". In June, they will be asking us to vote for them, so they can take their seats with the European People's Party group in the European Parliament. Here is an

extract from the EPP website: "The transition to the euro will permit greater prosperity, new markets will be opened up and the consumer will be the main ultimate beneficiary.... The euro will give them the opportunity to

increase their husiness." How can they stand on an anti-European platform at bome and join that very pro-European group JOE MCNAMEE

Uganda massacre

Sir: In using the text from the note attached to one of the bodies in the dreadful Uganda massacre (report, 5 March), your correspondent Lucy Hannan gives a misleading impression of the killers.

The note has been misread. A correct translation is: "This is the punishment of the Angio-Saxons who have sold us [down the river]. You are protecting the minority and oppressing the majority." (She saw tous where Vous is written).

Moreover, the language is not "schoolboy French". It is language written by an educated person aware of the intricacies of French grammar All the endings and agreements which many students (and native speakers) of the language find so challenging are correct. The only anomaly is the elliptical Voila punition, which is missing a "la" hefore the noun.

Your report may thus suggest that the perpetrators were uneducated brutes. The written evidence suggests they were intelligent, calculating, coldblooded murderers. PAUL HICKMAN Lymington, Hnmpshire

Sir: I was horrified by Dulcie Powell's lack of compassion for the victims of the massacre in Uganda and their families (letter, 6 March). Personally, I regard heing backed to death by a gang wielding machetes with the aim of hringing

Sir: David Aaronovitch

(Comment, 2 March) omits one

condescension. The British do

not hate foreigners; they feel

sorry for them, for not being

British. Being neither black

experienced the most rabid

form of prejudice. In most

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Sir: Yasmin Alibhai-Brown,

SERGIO VIGGIANI

London SW2

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their cause to the world's attention as a sign of just how evil human beings can be, rather than an "unpleasant consequence" of foreign travel ANTHEA ROWE Lancaster

Owners of the land

Sir: Knoydart and Balthos represent further plurality of tenure which is welcomed by the Scottish Landowners' Federation and I am sure everyone will wish the enthusiasm and imaginativeness of those concerned to he rewarded by success, both in the short and longer term ("Mystery gift to Knoydart fund puts estate in

settlers' hands", 3 March). As taxpayers we all have a stake in Knoydart and it will be interesting to learn in due course the extent of the precedent now established and how the Secretary of State justifies the "last brick in the wall" where special cases are concerned.

At the same time the SLF will wish to ensure that market forces are not so compromised as to deter the entry of new private capital into Scotland, especially on

IN BRIEF

building a better Britain"

(Comment, 4 March) while

journalists to "distinguish

mother of a European

Alex Woolf (letter, same date)

comments on the inability of

between 'race' and 'ethnicity' ".

My father is of an Asian and my

ethnicity. I prefer "mixed race"

appropriate and accurate. The

to "half-caste", but consider

"compound ethnicity" more

undergo no chemical change.

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involved in the formation of a

compound. If I am a mixture.

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are from which parent? Is my

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account of emerging proposals now rendered even more incomprehensible given that Knoydart and Balthos were achieved without recourse to statute.

There may well be further buyouts. In the meantime we shall be recommending landowners and local groups to seek opportunities for co-operation to their mutual benefit in line with our draft code of practice instead of looking to legislation which, it is becoming increasingly clear, is neither wanted nor needed. ANDREW DINGWALL-FORDYCE Convener

Scottish Landowners' Federation

Sir: The readers of Historical Notes on 1 March ("Private property is a public asset too") learned that "landowners have been gradually forced to accept ... public footpaths". This is incorrect for the great areas of Midland England which were subject to Enclosure Acts.

In the case of Flore parish the Act of 1778 made provision for various public and private rights of way, including footpaths "and that

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Sir: Deborah Orr (Comment, 5

year and then goes on to write:

turn people off from cigarettes.

then we're not going to stamp

drug abuses either." What are

abuses? Does any other drug

cause such a seriously high

mortality rate? Perhaps she

really means less socially

acceptable drug abuses.

DAVE HASTINGS

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Leigh, Lancashire

DAVID DEAN

Flore, Northamptonshire

No male feminists

Sir: Robert G Brew objects to Germaine Greer's implication that men cannot be feminists (letter, 5 March). However, the desire to exclude men from the definition of feminist is perfectly understandable.

Women's lives have been and continue to be colonised and controlled by men. The notion of the male feminist can be seen as a continuation of this colonisation. How long before men insist that they can do feminism better than women can, just as the literature on transsexualism sometimes implies that surgically produced faux women can do womanliness

better than women can? Call yourself a critic of gendered power relations by all means, Mr Brew, but consider the message that is conveyed by men laying claim to feminist status. Dr ADRIAN COYLE Department of Psychology University of Surrey Guildford

Polite applause

Sir. I read with great amusement Philip Hensher's piece on acceptable behaviour at Pursiful e"It's all over when the fat bloke snores", 5 March). He mentions that une isn't supposed to applain at the end of the first act.

I can remember the days when applause was not permitted even at the end of the performance. Then, about 30 years ago, Convert Garden decided that applause at the end would be permissible and I was present at the first night of this great innovation. At the end of the performance the cast came before the curtain looking duly solemn and howing very slightly at our decorous clapping ino shouts of

"Brave" or anything so shocking) The following morning in The Times there was a furious piece by their then critic William Mann and I was astonished to read that we. the audience, had behaved "like teenagers at a Beatles concert". JOAN MEARNS Moriborough, Wiltshire

Sir. It is a pity that Philip Hensher . did not take the trouble to check his facts before bursting into print with yet another media piece lampoonin opera. Had he done so, he would heave learnt that the "snorer" was a patron suffering from severe breathing difficulties, who had to be carried from the stage box to receive emergency treatment.
MAGGIE SEDWARDS Director of Public Relations English National Opera London WC2

Sir: Philip Hensher comments on snoring during Parsiful. Yes, this production is certainly different. but is not boring!

I am neither stuffy nor elitist. hut my idea of heaven is attending an opera performance unmarred hy rustling sweets, retrieving tissues from handbags, (get them ready beforehand!) and, far worse. constant chattering and fidgeting. If this seems impossible for some people, I respectfully suggest that they view opera videos at home, or find another activity to which they are better suited.

Ali producers, I am sure, wish their audiences to see and hear clearly, whether a modern or a traditional production. JUDY COOK London N3

Definitions of death

Sir. I have been following the debate on organ transplants in your letters column with interest.

The popular perception has always been that before the start of organ retrieval the ventilator would be switched off and that the heart, starved of oxygen, would consequently cease to beat. Death (1) as the public understands it, would / occur before the first incision. Clearly that is not so.

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The man or woman who signs a donor card is not told that "after my death" is held by those who will accept his or her offer as meaning "after I am beyond recovery". In his mind there is a vast difference. between being doomed to die and being a corpse, so many consents have been fraudulently obtained. ESME M S THOMPSON Hampton Wick, Surrey

And finally...

Sir: Would somebody please explain to me why moving a television news programme, however worthy from: one part of the evening to another one part or the evening approaching constitutes something approaching a national crisis?

I have read the agonisings over the move of News at Ten with growing incomprehension. Now I read in your leader of 6 March that "the ending of News at Ten ... is a real threat not only to our cultural life but to our democratic citizenship". Does that mean that I will not be able to vote in the next alection, or that moving the news will result in Britain becoming a totalitarian regime? Or could it be that the media have become obsessed with their own importance? PETER J SCHEUER

London NW11

Is it news or nonsense? You, the public, can now decide

HOW CLOSELY do you follow the news? Did you know, for instance, that News nt Ten is no longer called that, but is now News at Some Other Time? And that it has heen replaced by a new programme called Some Dreary Old Movia With Lots of Advertising Revenue Capability? Did you know that the BBC has a 24-hour news service called Yes. Sir John, No, Sir John, Three Bags Full, Sir John? Did you know that when Lord Denning died, more than 75 per cent of people had no idea he had still been alive?

If so, you are well prepared to enter our great news quiz, the first of 1999. All you have to do is study the following news stories (of which one is true) and decide, using skill, memory, luck and sense of smell, which one is the true one. should be good boys and girls, and

1. Keith Waterhouse has a new play on the road called Bing Bong. As you might expect from the title, it is all about the demise of News at Ten and the surprise appointment of Trevor McDonald as the new Poet Laureate. Criticism of the move, on the grounds that Trevor McDonald has never written a poem in his life, are countered by revelations that, from now on, the Poet Laureate will not be required to write any poetry as such, only wander aimlessly from bar to bar in Soho, reminiscing about Jeffrey Bernard and the good old days.

2. A group of children in a small village in Portugal claim to have seen Monica Lewinsky in a vision. She appeared to them for three minutes, and told them that they

never go to the big city, and that if they did, they should never be in the same room alooe with an important personage, and that if they were unable to avoid it, they should at least have a tape recorder running. She then sold them a copy of the And-.rew Morton hook, and vanished.

3. The reason that nothing much has been heard on the General Pinochet front for a little while now. is that General Pinochet died in his rented house in England two weeks ago, and the whole thing has been kept extremely hush hush. The British Government has not been quite sure what they should do about this new situation, knowing that the news that the late dictator died while in British hands will cause grave uproar in Chile. They have now decided to have the late



KINGTON A group of children in a

village in Portugal claim to have seen Monica Lewinsky in a vision

General's body extradited to Spain. where he may well have to go on

4. The Flaming Ferraris were the high-flying group of City operators, including Jeffrey Archer's son James, who were fired for breaking City regulations. The name "Flaming Ferraris"

came from the name of their favourite cocktail. Archer Junior is now following his father's advice to bounce back from disaster with a best-seller, by writing a new cocktail recipe book which includes such concoctions as "Lord Mayor's Folly", "Like Father, Like Son", Victoria Station Virgin", "Spotty Back". "Grantchester Gamble", and "Flaming Plagiarism".

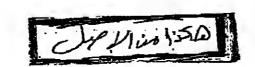
5. After the Millennium Dome has been in use for a year as a Millennium Dome, it will be sold to Mc-Donald's Hamburgers and used as the biggest burger outlet and takeaway place in Europe. They reckon the smell of frying will be noticeable as far away as Maidstone. and the trail of litter could reach as

6. Bath Football Club, home of Bath's famous rugby football team, wants to build a new stand on their ground next to the river Avon. However, the terms under which they have the land forbid them to build any more permanent structures. They intend to get round this by building a new stand with a flat roof that will retract into the ground when not in use, and as the flat roof will have turf on it, the top of the stand will then merge into the surrounding playing field. How they will stop the Avon and the water table filling the stand with water when underground has not you might not believe.

been explained. Local wags claim that the new stand will be used to house visiting opposition fans, who can then be lowered out of sight as and when necessary.

ANSWER: I am afraid the quiz was not very hard this week as, clearly, the only true one was the one about Madeleine Albright, Robin Cook, the seven dwarfs and the big inflatable banana. No, as you were -the lawyers decided I couldn't use that one.

So it must have been the one about Bath Football Club. A pity, as I really wanted to use the two stories I also came across, headlined Driver Killed By Flying Cow", and "Player Murdered By Referee", which were both shsolutely genuine, but which I feared



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THE IMPOSITION of the minimum wage and restrictions on and the growing band of busithe length of the working week, not to mention the launch of the euro, have taken a huge toll on small firms. It is time to give

them something back. Entrepreneurs must be encouraged with tax breaks to aid research and training of staff, two of their biggest financial hurdens. Brown should also spell out quite specifically bow he intends to reform capital gains tax, a move which would

help both cash strapped firms ness angels who are increasingly funding some of our brightest husiness hopes. Scotland on Sunday

AS THE Chancellor knows, the greatest threat to his plans lies outside Britain. Wall Street is valuing American sbares more highly than it ever bas this century, propelling US consumption, and stopping the global economy from an other-

wise certain recession. If Wall Street were to come back to earth and US growth to falter, the whole economic story would have to spend and bor- ever countenance such a

cession, and subsequently to broaden the tax base. The open question is wbether over-

TONY BLAIR and Gordon euro and the death of the

pound. And you can bet on that ont being part of the Budget speech. News of the World

PUTTING THE price of petrol up again will not stop people using their cars; there is often no choice. It merely hits those who can least afford it. The only way to stop people driving is to deliver cheap, reliable and safe public transport. And we haven't yet got that.

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You don't need any gimmicks for a good budget, Chancellor

"NO MORE on tobacco; a penny on beer; something on dogs and pools, hut not on horses; increase in purchase tax, hut only on articles now taxable; profits tax doubled." Hugh Daltion's hurried leak of the main points of his 1947 hudget mattered because the measures were immediate: they had a direct impact on people's lives within days.

Today, hudgets and hudget leaks are very different. All the important government decisions about the next financial year have already been taken. We know that tax on cigarettes and petrol will go up, child benefit will be increased, and the hurden of National Insurance contributions will be shifted up the income scale, because they were announced last year. Gordon Brown's purpose when he rises to speak tomorrow, apart from fine-tuning policy over the next three years, is largely presentational.

Not that this is necessarily a bad thing. The Chancellor can reasonably argue that he and his colleagues are engaged in a major overhaul of the tax system, and have begun a series of significant changes in the management of public finances, but that it requires a hig occasion like the Budget to focus people's attention on the wider picture.

Equally, the practice of using the budget to announce changes one or two years in advance, or permanent "escalators" such as the annual increase in petrol duty, has developed since Dalton's day. And that is a good thing, since it allows government and businesses to plan ahead further than 12 months.

Where the Government has a problem is that budget leaks are also largely presentational too, in that they are more to do with the airworthiness of kites and the adjusting of expectations than they are to do with the contents of the Budget itself. Moreover, one reason why the hig picture is so cloudy is because the Government has tried to take credit for things before they happen. The £40bn extra for health and education, for example, does not begin to be spent until next month - and then it is spread over three years. In real life, we are still in the two-year alleged squeeze imposed by sticking to "Tory spending limits".

Sadly, the Conservative party continues to fail the public, as the official Opposition is still the last place the honest voter would turn to for the truth about how his or her taxes are spent. The fuss William Hague's student politiclans made last week about the Prime Minister's admission that "the tax hurden will increase over this Parliament" was extraordinary, given that Tony Blair's sentence continued "at or below the level predicted by the Conservatives in their last hudget".

It is left to Malcolm Bruce of the Liberal Democrats to provide the only serious critique of Mr Brown's stewardship. Mr Bruce is right to point out that Labour is too driven by presentational needs. The idea of a 10p-in-the-pound start-



ing rate of income tax is a good example; it steals the Tory language of tax cuts in a way which helps the less well-off, hut a more efficient way to achieve the same end is simply to raise the threshold at which people start to pay tax.

If Mr Brown can avoid such gimmickry, then tomorrow could be a turning-point, as the Government moves out of what the Prime Minister described as the "post-euphoria, pre-delivery phase" into the period of "making a difference". Next month sees not only another big rise in child benefit, and the start of extra spending on schools and the NHS, hut also the start of the national minimum wage.

Meanwhile, the way the Government plans and controls public spending is being transformed by a system of performance targets and "contracts" between departments and the Treasury, hardly noticed outside Whitehall.

The Budget may have become a right media circus, but it can still serve a valuable purpose, provided that we look distracted by the flashy surface.

Supporting feudalism is a step into the past

THE EMIR of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa hin Sulman al-Khalifa. dies. His eldest son, Sandhurst-trained and American educated, the 49-year-old Prince Hamad, takes over without a ripple of discontent. We should all be relieved.

Or should we? Just as in Jordan, Britain and America are committed to supporting a royalist succession from the military, with ne'er a nod in the direction of the pluralism and democracy which we are so busily demanding of Iraq. It's a course that suits our purposes in Bahrain, where we need the Gulf bases for our aircraft and our ships. But is it a course that suits the Middle East, and our own long-term interests?

As the price of oil falls, straining the finances even of Saudi for the slow and deep in Mr Brown's speech and do not get Arabia, let alone Bahrain, and as Islamic militancy rises, the feudal ways of absolute rulers are becoming less and less

sustainable in the Middle East. Even less defensible in popular eyes are regimes that support the relentless Anglo-American bombing of Iraq - made all the worse by the arbitrary change in the rules of engagement in the no-fly zones of northern and southern Iraq.

Acclaiming the succession of another pro-Western royal ruler in the Gulf is not an acclamation of the future, but a step back to our colonial past.

Lib Dems need a fight

SO, FAREWELL then Paddy. You are off. But not yet. His parting gift to his party is a huge missed opportunity. What the Lib Dems need above all is media coverage, and they could have had it. All they needed was a knock-down, drawn-out. lip-splitting leadership contest. The paparazzi would have been camped outside Jackie Ballard's door. David Rendel would have been as much a household name as David Beckham And the party would have shot up in the opinion polls.

Can a Scottish politician lead a UK party in the era of home rule?

AT 3.30PM tomorrow the British Chancellor will rise in the House of Commons to deliver his third hudget, a statement of profound importance to the entire UK economy. Gordon Brown is 48 and at the peak of his powers. There is on reason to suppose that when, at some point, Tony Blair decides to stand down as Prime Minister. Brown would not be a candidate, perhaps easily the front-running candidate, to succeed him. After all, ames Callaghan, another and (to judge by Brown's performance so far) much less successful chancellor, succeeded Harold Wilson, a politician of his own generation, in 1976. Indeed this was a point that Callaghan himself made to Brown when be wrote him a graceful letter after Brown announced be was oot standing for the

party leadership in 1994. No reason, that is, except one. Which is that because Brown sits for a Scottish constituency, and because the Scottish Parliament will, by the time the Labour leadership becomes an issue, bave been running for several years, there will, so the argument goes, no longer be an appetite in England for a Scottish prime minister. So many issues, from health to education, from local government to law and order, will be decided not by is the answerable to the Scottish Parlishment, that Brown would either have to transfer to an English seat or give up any hooes of the contract.

This is a deeply controversial doctrine, advanced, nevertheless, by some people in New Labour as if it were obvious. It has seldom been

openly debated for the simple reason that the Labour leadership is not an issue at present, and is unlikely to be for several years, and that of all those currently possible runners in the

Tory party, none are Scots. But it now promises to be thrown into sharper relief by the leadership contest that will follow the departure of Paddy Asbdown, who gave his valedictory Liberal Democrat conference speech in Edinburgh yester day. There are three potential Scottish candidates to succeed Ashdown: Charles Kennedy, Menzies Campbell and Malcolm Bruce; and two of them

- Kennedy, who has decided to run, and Campbell, who will ont make up his mind until after the May Scottish, Weish and local government elections - are front-runners. Suddenly there is a new question in British politics: can a Scottish politician lead a UK party, in the era of bome rule? This is ont yet the central issue of

the submerged but lively leadership campaign, which is already under way despite the exhortations of the current leadership that it should not be. And given that the Scottish Partiament will not assume its powers until next year, it may not become so. So far the jostling by a dauntingly large number of candidates for a small party is over the question of future relations with a Labour government. Kennedy, currently seen as the man to beat, is widely assumed, at least in Downing Street, to be "coalitionable", despite his criticisms of Paddy Ashdown's frenetic and sometimes rather uncollegiate pursuit of ever-closer links with Labour Campbell, if he runs, certainly



DONALD **MACINTYRE**

The Liberal Democrats' leadership contest will throw the issues surrounding devolution into sharp relief

is. The rest of the candidates fall into two other camps: those broadly in favour of the "project" of close cooperation with Labour, but not of a ennedy leadership - Don Foster and Nick Harvey, who for reasons of ambition has unceremoniously dumped his once highly Eurosceptic views; and those broadly against Kennedy and the so-called "project"

Simon Hughes, David Rendel,

Jackie Ballard and Malcolm Bruce. Nevertheless, the candidates with easily the most attractive and highest profiles among voters outside the party are both Scots: Kennedy and Campbell. Kennedy is something of a media star who can claim an honoured place in the party's history by having boldly - as an SDP member in 1987 fought his way out of Dr David Owen's clutches to back a merger with the

Liberals, while Campbell is a QC and former Olympic sprinter who has a wealth of experience, especially in

foreign affairs.

Given that their most serious oppooents are English, it would be surprising if their Scottishness did not become an issue once the campaign gets openly under way after the European elections in June - especially if Campbell does disappoint his old friend Kennedy by running. All the more so since only 6 per cent of the party's membership live in Scotland and the beaviest concentration of members is in London, the South and south-west England. The temptation to suggest that Scottish politicians have made their bed in the Edinburgh Parliament and should on longer claim the right to lead a UK party, may

prove irresistible. Indeed, mutterings to that effect are already audible. But while it would not be a surprising factor, it would be a deforming one. For a start it would be especially inappropriate in a party which, in stark contrast to Labour, actually has a policy to deal with the West Lothian question, namely why Scottish MPs should have the right to vote in Westminster on issues exclusive to England and Wales when, in their own country, those same issues are dealt with in Edinburgh. Because the Liberal Democrats, at least nominally, are a federalist party, wishing to see the same decentralisation of democratic government to every part of the UK, it would be especially perverse to stop anyooe from any part of

it from becoming leader. But, for reasons much larger than

Democrats, the preclusion of Scottish MPs from British leadership is a deeply dangerous doctrine. Kennedy, of course, is fortunate that Ashdown has stood down now. For while it may be only half an issue at the moment, it could be much bigger once the Scottish Parliament is operating. If as still seems likely - he does inherit from Ashdown, stand by to bear people say that he will be the last Scottish leader of a British political party.

But this neither should, onr, I suspect, will be true. First, while it may be the line of least resistance, in dealing with the profound and still in England - underestimated consequences of devolution, it is a cop-out. It would mean that the English would be ensuring that the downward and slippery slope to separation has suddenly steepened. Labour politicians who pretend that there isn't going to be a UK problem as a result of devolution, and that the West Lothian question is some wispy construct of constitutional theorists, should wake up. There is an urgent need to find ways of answering it - for example, through the Westminster Parliament meeting in English- and Welsh-only sessions to decide English- and Welshonly issues. That makes sense; keeping Scots out of party leaderships or, for that matter, Downing Street. doesn't. The big decisions which increasingly preoccupy Prime Ministers are ecocomic, European, global - affecting those in Scotland as much as those in England. And, who knows? In a few years, we may need a Scottish Prime minister to save the Union.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't think we have failed, we have just found another way that doesn't work." Andy Elson, would-be round-the-world balloonist

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The chief attraction of military service has consisted, and will consist, in compulsory and irreproachable idleness." Count Leo Tolstoy, Russian novelist



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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD The Sunday press gives advice to the Chancellor for the Budget

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vigorous policy response. The Observer

Brown are putting the final touches to the Budget this weekend. A number of moves are confidently predicted. The erosion of mortgage tax relief and increase in stamp duty will hit home owners. Smokes will go up by more than drink. But the overriding theme will be to prepare Britain for the

PANDORA

JANCIS ROBINSON has learnt fast, mainly from some the hard way that no good deed goes unpunished. Britain's formidable first lady of wine recently offered a bed to a hippie-dippy mate at the familial château she shares with the restaurant maven Nick Lander. But the couple were suddenly called back to these shores on business. The hospitable Robinson generously left out a selection of fine wines for her visitor to enjoy in his hosts' absence. He chugged the lot. And then progressed to the cellar, where the greedy guest went Exxon "has not paid a on a vintage binge that wiped out the fruits of more than 10 years of oenological research. But this setback hasn't deterred Robinson (pictured) and Lander from reaching out to City types this Friday, when and water don't mix? the couple will lead a wine stomp at the Honourable Artillery Company, in aid of Comic Relief. It's more red toes than red nose: participants need only stump up a fiver and don a T-shirt plus shorts to tread some grapes

THE LIB Dems' very own Mr Voltage has once more shown that his party has its finger on the pulse of pop life. Their constitutional kesman Bob Maclennan has written an opera about "a Scottish martyr who'a transported to Australia". A sure-fire vote-winner, or what? Someone should tell him about Flat Eric.

and raise their share of Wine Relief's £1m target. Registration before 12 March is

mandatory; details from Sue

Hall on 0171-409 0494 (fax

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LET'S SAVE William Hague the trouble of looking over his shoulder; Michael Portillo continues to stalk him. Latest sighting of the Spanish fly guy was at a dinner for Hammersmith Conservatives. He was introduced by a local grande dame who promised to "give Michael Portillo's distinguished hiological details". Realising her Freudian slip, she hurriedly corrected herself by saying she would describe "all the positions Michael Portillo has held in the Cabinet".

TED DANSON, who played Sam, the Red Socks jock, in Cheers, has found himself catching flak in a whole new ball game. Danson, cofounder of the green pressure group American Oceans Campaign, is the keynote speaker at the International Oil Spill Conference, an industry beanfeast marking the 10th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez disaster on 24 March. curve-

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40,000 Alaskans who cite new scientific research suggesting they're still suffer-ing the effects of the 11 million gallons of crude oil dumped on their shores by the grounded tanker. "It's an act of unmitigated gall," say protesters, who've Written to Danson pointing out that Exxon is sponsoring the conference through an industry organisation. "If you speak, you'll be lending your credibility to Exxon's lies... The greenies allege that penny" of a £3.5bn fine imposed by a federal court four years ago. As a real-life environmentalist, who for years played a barman on TV, doesn't Danson know oil

PERHAPS JERRY Springer's jaunt to these shores will inspire a kindlier, gentler freak show. Instead of screening the Paula Yates debâcle, UK Living could thrill us with more relevant topics – "Honey I jumped a queue", "Identical twins who share the same allotment", or "At weekends I secretly drive a Morris

FORTUNE, THE corporate business magazine, has an innovative new gimmick for spicing up bland business stories – topless women. A recent feature was illustrated with an eye-catching . snap of bare-bosomed Trobriand Islanders. The feature was about finding the right job. Wired, the nerdish journal of cutting-edge tech. is at it too; a recent issue included a history of the vibrator. So is this sexing up, or dumbing down?

WHO DATHUNKIT? IT was 38 years before radio garnered an audience of 50 million. It took TV a quarter of a century less to reach the same penetrative threshold. The Internet hit the 50 million mark in just four years. Yet four of the largest US-based media outfits managed to lose £50m between them online last year. In cyberspace, it seems, popularity doesn't predicate prof-

WEIGHT WATCHERS is running a competition in which the first prize is a car. Runners-up win one of 25 pairs of Raleigh bikes. But as an eagle-eyed reader, May Brunton of Edinburgh, points out, wasn't it by spending too much time in their cars and not enough on



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Come clean on money laundering

THE BAD news, which most people in Britain know by now, is that a \$500,000 bung to the Democratic Party of the United States is about to put an end to the livelihoods of thousands of banana-growers in the Caribbean and many workers in the cashmere factories of the Scottish Borders. The worse news, which is only just dawning on many, is that the struggling Caribbean is about to be hit by a second, and perhaps more damaging, body blow. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is publishing a White Paper next week which will threaten the administrations of Britain's 13 remaining colonies with terrible punishments if they do not halt their participation in the trade of handling the cash generated from narcotics.

At the same time, the United Nations is convening a meeting of its Global Programme Against Money Laundering in Vienna in what will be a vain attempt to stop citizens of all nationalities handling those greasy hundles of soiled banknotes, or trading their worth

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HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY

The action is all part of the misguided,

unwinnable and often hysterical 'war on drugs'

misguided, unwinnable and often hysterical "war on drugs", which was originally a stratagem of the late and unlamented Richard Milhous Nixon to curry favour with the middle class of his country, and which rumbles on against all logic to this day. As any war does, the war on drugs creates chaos in its wake; such chaos is about to be wrought on the West Indies and other spots around the globe.

Wherever it is attempted, the business of trying to stop moneylaundering is as impractical an enterprise as trying to stop people taking narcotics, smoking tobacco or drinking alcohol. In the Twenties the US Congress decreed that al-cohol should not be sold. Reality ensured that Prohibition was rescinded a decade or so later, but not before it had spawned generations of gangsters and enthroned corruption in American police forces

from Manhattan to Miami. In a bid to achieve some success in their efforts today, governments engaged in the war on drugs are putting small and vulnerable economies in their sights. They realise that they have about as much chance of stopping money-laundering in the myriad banks of Europe and the United States as

pigs have of flying. So they go for the easier targets in places with tiny populations and simple administrative structures where everyone knows everyone else. They realise that by moving in

on, say, the British Virgin Islands. the Caymans or the Turks and Caicos they will, in fact, do little to halt the major money launderers. But it will look as though they are doing something about the problem and getting some results.

And this is not just opportunistic, it is also perverse. Decades ago Her Majesty's Government was encouraging dots of British islands m the West Indies to go in for "financial services", for the simple reason that there was precious little else for them to live off. The islanders, backed by creative financiers in the City, Amsterdam and Wall Street, quickly huilt up offshore emporitims. There, taxes could be avoided in comfort and money could be swapped from round the world via the satellite communications which had been thoughtfully pro-

vided by Cable and Wireless. Nowadays the financial fun and games that were once encouraged are deemed to be evil, and have to be stooped. But today as in the Sixties, the West Indians still have few alternative ways of making a living. Sugar has long since stopped being

the nice little earner that it once was and the local peasantry who grow bananas must submit to the power of the cheque book belonging to Mr Big in Washington. Now they are being told to bow gracefully out of the money business.

And it is not only the peoples of the Caribbean who are being affected. What, for instance, are the Gibraltarians supposed to live off these days if they are denied the fruits of money-laundering? The Cold War is over the Mediterranean well, all right, the western Mediterranean - is at peace and the

Rock has lost its once immense strategic significance. There is a limited demand among the people of Andalusia for the warm beer and cold fish and chips which the Gibraltarians used to sell at enormous profit to the jolly tars of the Royal Navy. Their financial dealings are one of the few lifelines they have left.

Robin Cook and the United Nations must surely realise sooner or later that these latest campaigns of theirs are as unjustifiable as they are futile.

It's dumb to say that culture is just plumbing the depths

THE THESIS that some sort of "dumbing down" process is happening to our culture, discussed in a series of articles last week in The Independent, I reject. I don't find the evidence, quite the reverse.

Here is one test. My wife and I go to the cinema on a weekly basis. We make our choice from the film reviews, generally picking the critics' first or second recommendation. Inevitably, then, we mainly see Hollywood productions, with a leavening of art-house films. If we were going to find evidence of dumbing down, surely this is where it would be likely to appear. Not a hit of it.

Out of, say, 50 movies a year, I am rarely disappointed. In recent weeks, out of Affliction. The Opposite of Sex, Shakespeare In Love and Hideous Kinky, only the last named fell short-and even so there was the pleasure of Kate Winslet's acting. I know that out of the 400 or so films a year that go round Britain's cinemas I have probably picked some of the best, and that I might find many of the others, well, "dumb". None the less this is a good experiment, because film-making is always strongly driven by commercial considerations; it is not an art in which state subsidy plays much of a role. The studios are seeking to get their money back, and more.

Aside from the cinema, most of us find that we are seeking relatively narrow ranges of cultural pleasures, because our interests differ one from another and the field is so vast. Were dumbing down a serious threat, would we not find that these minority tastes were less and less well served? We would have noticed a deterioration over the years. But wherever I look, comparing the Nineties with the Fifties and Sixties, there has been not decline, but improvement. When I first discovered opera in my mid-twenties, apart from Glyndebourne there were no regional opera companies. Either you went to London to hear live per-



ANDREAS WHITTAM **SMITH**

My wife and I go to the cinema every week. Out of 50 movies a year, I am rarely disappointed

formances, or you waited for the occasional regional tour. Now, you can find centres of operatic excellence well away from the capital city.

I regularly buy recorded music at the local outlet of a national chain of music retailers. Downstairs there is a vast emporium of popular music, while upstairs, in half the space, classical music is stocked. And here I have to marvel at the richness of what is available. Before going to a concert, I like

to familiarise myself with music I don't know. I go to buy the CDs with the concert details in my hand. Since I have a passion at the moment for chamber music, my requests are for this trio, or that quartet, or a piano quintet by so and so, or whatever - a minority interest if ever there were one. Yet this average shop, 10 minutes from my home, is almost always able to supply me immediately with what I am looking for; indeed, I can often choose from a number of different recordings. As I glance along the racks, I am astonished by the range. Do I seek English choral music? It is there. Am

I wanting contemporary music by German or American composers? 1 will find it. Is any of Chopin's piano

music missing? I doubt it. I am equally delighted by my local bookshop. While there is evidence that standards of literacy have declined, as people pay more attention to radio and television and less to the printed page, this trend shows no sign of reducing the supply of books. Recall the range of publications reviewed in yesterday's newspapers. In my own case I make out a book list twice a year. As usual, just before Christmas I went to stock up. I had Bryan Magee in mind. I have always admired his ability to explain the work of the great philosophers, and since briefly dabbling in the subject at university I have never lost my interest - which is normally satisfied by reading nothing more extensive than the occasional book review or, for instance, a biography of Bertrand Russell.

However, this time I went further, and bought Magee's recently published The Story of Philosophy. The text is everything for which I had hoped, but what surprised me was the style of publication. The publisher is Dorling Kindersley, celebrated for its well-designed guides -Eyewitness travel guides - and for CD-Roms about the way things work, and for books such as Miriam Stoppard's Questions Children Ask. But here, the publisher's skills have been applied to enhancing understanding of philosophical concepts by means of well-chosen illustrations

and good design. There are three or four pictures on every one of the 230 pages, along with boxes containing nuggets of useful information in the margins. It works well. A publisher such as Dorling Kindersley, whose shares are quoted on the stock exchange, would never contemplate such a venture if we really did live in a dumbed down age.

Yes, argue the supporters of the proceedings in the House of Rep-



Smart and classy: Gwyneth Paltrow in 'Shakespeare in Love'

thesis, but look at television. There resentatives, and then in the Senate, you will find many examples of dumbing down. Has not the BBC palpably reduced its standards? Nowadays, the Corporation even transmits confessional talk shows with phoney guests in the afternoons: how much lower can you get? Just last week, the House of Lords staged a debate on the subject, in which assorted peers and baronesses expressed their dismay.

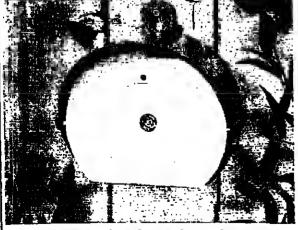
I find differently. Television may be primarily an entertainment medium, but coming a close second is its role as an educator. It is still teaching me. I was completely absorbed, for example, by the Monica Lewinsky saga in all its aspects, from the President's cigar to the impeachment provisions of the American constitution.

Regarding the second item, the continuous television coverage of the provided both by CNN and the BBC, enabled me to gain a deeper understanding of the machinery of American government. I was fascinated by the debates, by how they were conducted, by the range of opinions that were expressed, and by the assumptions behind them. If television works for me in this valuable way, it must do so for everybody.

And behind my good experiences lies a development which the dumbing down school has failed to notice. Access to culture gets easier, Multiplex cinemas have increased the choice available to movie-goers. Music-lovers have benefited from the old vinyl records being replaced. first with tapes and then with compact discs. Book prices are falling. The multiplication of TV channels is a blessing, not a curse. Indeed, rather than dumbing down I believe

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SCIENTISTS OFTEN Barbara Stanwyck, Bette complain to me that Davis. Women of intelligence and substance, women to be reckoned with. Since then, durthe media misunderstands their work. But ing a time of dramatic change I would suggest that in fact the reality is just the opposite, and for women in society, the that it is science which mismovies have portraved women primarily as giggling idiots or

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quoted as saying "the natural

Let's be clear: all professions as prostitutes. look bad in the movies. And I've said that scientists don't there's a good reason for this. understand media, and one Movies don't portray career form of misunderstanding conpaths, they conscript interestcerns why stories about the ing lifestyles to serve a plot. So scientific method are as they lawyers are all unscrupulous are. I hear several principal and doctors are all uncaring. complaints: unnecessary added Psychiatrists are all crazy, and plot (sex, violence, explosions, politicians are all corrupt. All etc); inaccurate and implausible cops are psychopaths, and all plot devices and images. Fearbusinessmen are crooks. Even based and negative. moviemakers come off badly: Let's take these in order. directors are megalomaniacs. Why are unnecessary razzleactors are spoilt brats. Since all dazzle and exaggerated plot eloccupations are portrayed neg-

atively, why expect scientists to Well, because it's a movie. be treated differently? Movies tell larger-than-life, But wait, you may be thinkexaggerated stories. Most feaing. Don't these movie images ture sex and violence, and exprovide some insight into the atplosions whenever possible. As titudes of the wider society? Don't they reflect society in the movie mogul Sam Goldwyn said, "sex will outlive us all". some way? No, they do not; for A variant complaint is to proof of that, you need only look say the story doesn't need one at images of women in the last or another element. The Oxford 50 years. Fifty years ago, hiologist Richard Dawkins, movies were characterised by whom I very much admire, is

strong women - Joan Crawford

understands media.



Making dinosaurs is merely a fantasy

MICHAEL **CRICHTON**

From a speech to the American Association of the Advancement of Science conference, in Anaheim, California

world is fascinating in its own right. It really doesn't need human drama to be fascinating." Of course the natural world is fascinating in its own right, but Jurassic Park isn't the natural world. The jungle is on a sound-stage at Universal. It has been built to suit the action; if an actor has to climb a tree, the Fibergias bank is supported inside with metal girders. It is lit by artificial light.

urs aren't on this set at all; they're added later, by computer. Professor Dawkins said te didn't know why you needed the people in the story. The answer is that the person who dreamt up this particular fiction wanted it to be that way. It was written to revive the corny movies of people and dinosaurs together that I had loved in childhood. King Kong, One Million Years BC, all of that. Jurussic Park is meant to stand in a long line of related movies. It is thus exolicitly a work of fiction. The natural world is irrelevant.

Let's go to the second point: inaccuracy and made-up plot devices. In a story such as Jurassic Park, to complain of inaccuracy is downright weird. Nobody can make a dinosaur. How can accuracy have any meaning in a fantasy? It's like the reporters who asked me whether I had visited genetic engineering firms while doing my research. Why should I? They don't know how to make dinosaur, either.

Point three: why are the stories about science always so negative? We've already dis- The edited speech appears in

tively. But what about the stories themselves? Why can't we have positive stories? One answer is that people like scary movies. They enjoy being frightened. But the more important answer is that we live in a culture of relentless, roundthe-clock boosterism for science and technology. With each new discovery and invention, the virtues are always oversold, the drawbacks understated. Who can forget the freely mobile society of the automobile, the friendly atom, the paperless office, the impending crisis of too much leisure time, or the era of universal education ushered in by television? We now hear the same Utopian claims about the Internet. But everyone knows Therefore the story is a fantasy. science and technology are in-

evitably a mixed blessing. How then will the fears, the concerns, the downside of technology be expressed? Because it has to appear somewhere. So it appears in movies and in stories - which I would argue is a good place for it to appear.

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Time to stop hating Barbie



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It's no good tut-tutting. The fact is that one billion Barbies have been sold since 1959

deside our continues TOMORROW IS Barbie's 40th birth-Berry work and boy Value of the rolling day. You probably don't want to know that and, frankly, I wasn't all that thrilled when the Beauty and last.

Desk at Mattel Toys rang me last. autumn to prepare me for the hig lay. Since then there have been at least 10 calls and even an invitation to New York to attend the Barbie to New York to attend the Barbie Women of Achievement Birthday Ball. Sadly, I had to miss that event, which I'm sure was very pink. But none of this explains why I am writing about Barbie today. I am doing this because when I mentioned the Barbie hirthday hard-sell to people, their reactions were so fierce that you would think I was talking about something serious.

"Won't have her in the house." said one father. Others went on

said one father. Others went on about how boring she was for such a tong period of time that I could only surmise that she wasn't boring at all. Did I know, they asked, that she was made by peasants in China? Did I know that if a real woman were her shape she would all over? Others took a more personal approach and, as they say on daytime TV, started to share their pain. "My mother wouldn't let me have one and, you know, I think it all started from there," said a friend. I looked at her Irony? But she was serious. "I really wanted that doll!"

Then the Pink One became the latest in a series of politically incorrect types to feel the wrath of Germaine Green "With her nonfunctional body boasting a nipplefree bosom more than twice the circumference of her minute waist, legs twice as long as her torso, and feet so tiny that she cannot stand on them, Barbie is unlikely to have been very effective in her career roles as astronaut, vet or stewardess," says Ms Greer in her new book, The Whole Woman. She holds Barbie responsible for teaching women to despise their bodies and therefore prompting us to spend so much on make-up. Germaine says that this money would be better out towards the "cost of hooks or com-

puters or hicycles". Undoubtedly Ms Greer will he celebrating Barbie's 40th by taking off her hair shirt and sending it to her. But I found little comfort in another side of the debate, put by John Pilger. In the latest issue of New



The reality of Barbie: the average little girl owns five of the dolls, but does not always treat them with the respect that grown-ups like to imagine

Statesman, he takes feminism to task for its obsession with what he believes is trivial. He is in despair because women want to talk about nail polish and who cleans the toilet. This poses an obvious question. Anyway, I'm sure Barbie is in the same category (though, it must be said, her plastic bathrooms do not contain a toilet). Mr Pilger thinks that such trivia diverts from the real issues in life, such as poverty. "The public voices of feminism, like those of the political élite, have all but severed their ties with the aspirations of ordinary men and women." Does no one have a grip on real-

ity here? The truth is that, for better or worse, little girls like Barbie - be they poor, middle-class or rich. It is something that the First World and Third World agree on. In America there are entire stores devoted to Barbie. I wandered into one once in Seattle. It was so pink and cloying that it was like walking into one of those tinted blancmanges sprinkled with hundreds and thousands that are sold in super-

markets. I couldn't escape fast enough. But when I went to Moscow, I again saw a pink awning with the word "Barble" on it. Inside, armed guards watched over glass cases that showed Barbie in a varlety of plastic tableaux. The place was huzzing with excitement. It is no good tut-tutting and say-

ing it is all too trivial or sexist. The

fact is that I hillion Barbies (and family members) have been sold since 1959. She is hardly going to fade away. By the time Barbie turns 80 there will be at least a billion more out there. Mattel is good at this. They know that capitalism is all about growth. Never has a doll had her family extended so ruthlessly. Every year the company creates yet more cousins and siblings for Barbie, not to mention outfits, pets, cousins, nationalities and careers. If Barbie were real she would have a nervous hreakdown about it all, renounce pink for life and tell her ineffectual boyfriend Ken that it's all over.

But she is not real, and another

thing that must be faced is that little girls know this. Have we all forgotten what it is like to play with dolls? I grew up doing so, but that did not mean that I did it while sitting quietly, in a clean, starched pinafore, gently back-combing Barbie's hair. My sisters and I treated our dolls appallingly. We had tea parties, yes. hut we also had a theatre of war. Dolls were routinely kidnapped and attacked. Several were scalped and at least one was mutilated beyond

repair. It was hardly pretty or nice. I nowhave two daughters. When the eldest was born I said that she would oever own a Barbie, hut somehow she acquired one without my permission. I discovered that Barbie was not nearly so desirable now that she was no longer on a shelf in a store. In fact, she could usually be found thrown in a corner somewhere. Mattel says that every giri in Britain owns five Barbies and that is probably how many are floating round my house now. But none of them are heautiful or even properly dressed. Several have lost

a leg or an arm and most are doomed to a Bad Hair Life. Little pirls take something that is unreal, like Barbie, and make her real through play and neglect. Barbie herself may be passive but the world that little girls create is not.

Perhaps it is time the grown-ups started being sensible about it all. All we are talking about here is a bit of curved plastic who has managed to achieve icon status by decades of clever marketing. Things could be worse. Of all the friends and family members created for Barbie, she has never had any parents. She is a clone and one with a murky past. descended from a vampy heroine called Lilli who appeared in a Das Bild cartoon. Lilli was adapted as a sex toy and sold in tobacconists before her rights were bought up by Mattel. But Barbie as a character is no Lilli. She is very much mistress of her own universe. Men are superfluous (just look at Ken). At 40, she is single and a virgin, has had almost every career going and is rich enough to huy whatever she wants.

She is self-reliant and prohably,

dare I say it, a feminist, Even so, I'm not that keen on her. I do not think that this is an icon that the sisterhood needs to reclaim. The truth is, I'd prefer it if there weren't five of her lying in various stages of undress around my house, but then, that's life. The alternative is to pretend she doesn't exist. I don't even want to think about what kind of guerrilla war a Ban the Barbie campaign would start. It would only make her more important.

decided to ask the real expert on this subject, my eight-year-old. What did she think of Barbie? "OK." she said. Just OK? "Yeah, OK." Well. I asked, did owning a Barbie make her want to took just like Barbie, and have her figure, and go out and buy make-up? Did it make her not want to think about poverty, or whatever? Did she want to be Barbie? "Yeah," she said. My heart skipped a heat. "Really?" I asked. She paused for a moment. "Well, yeah, I'd like to have loog hair." And with that she went outside to play.

RIGHT OF REPLY

DAVID LIDDIMENT

The director of programmes, ITV Network, replies to a speech by the head of BBC Broadcast

tT'S NOT been a good month for the BBC. So I am hardly surprised that Will Wyatt decided to use his speech to the All-Party Media Group at Westminster - repeated in this newspaper last week - to rip into ITV. It's an old PR tactic, but one that only serves further to tarnish the Corporation.

Will's line is that as broadcasting becomes more competitive, the BBC will stick to its Reithian values while ITV and the rest ditch the baby of public service broadcasting along with the bath water of quality and diversity. Like most "spin," it's a simple he, distorting a complicated truth.

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Slave, mother of 10, genius

THE PATTERN looks just a hit too famdiar: a modern academic, whose weapons include extravagant claims of neglected genius and a variety of isms, attempts to free yet another forgotten author from obscurity. It is even more convenient if that author just happens to be a damsel whose distress is attributable to male exploitation.

Familiarity there certainly is, but it should not breed contempt. Charlotte Smith (1749-1806) may be a modern biographs. restoration to the Romantic literary vanguard is in no way dependent on present-day whims.

Loraine Fletcher's suggestion that Smith hecame "the most popular English novelist of her time" is no exaggeration. And, had anyone compiled a top-ten list of popular poetry around 1790. Smith's Elegiac Sonnets would certainly have been there. This was why the unknown 21-year-old William



MONDAY POEM

FOR AN ANNIVERSARY

BY ADRIENNE RICH

The wing of the osprey lifted

over the nest on Tomales Bay

into fog and difficult gust

raking treetops from Inverness Ridge on over

The left wing shouldered into protective

gesture the left wing we thought broken

and the young beneath in the windy nest

creaking there in their hunger

and the tides beseeching, besieging

the bay in its ruined languor

Our poem today is from Adrienne Rich's new collection,

'Midnight Salvage: poems 1995-1998' (WW Norton, £14.95)

MONDAY BOOK

CHARLOTTE SMITH: A CRITICAL BIOGRAPHY BY LORAINE FLETCHER, MACMILLAN PRESS, £47.50

Wordsworth dared to pay her a visit, why cootemporaries such as William Cowper used terms such as "genius" about her and why she is Jane Austen's "strongest single inspiration".

Yet had not Charlotte Turner while still two months short of 16 been (as she put it) "sold, a legal prostitute" to Benjamin Smith, the 23-yearold son of a West India merchant, she might never have published at all. Charlotte, with her brother and sister then lived with her aunt at Bignor in Sussex, where the children were "free to explore the Downs and seashore".

To find herself transported to a residence above a Cheapside warehouse must have been a shock to the system. But this was just the first of many.

In April 1767, still only 17, Charlotte was pregnant for the second time. A diphtherial infection swept through Cheapside, causing the death of her first son on the same day as her second child was born. Social historians sometimes attempt to construct the past as another world altogether. High infant mortality rates, they argue, made death something parents accepted without the lifelong grief they feel now. But passages in Charlotte's novels about the death of a child, as Fletcher shrewdly comments, show that it was no easier then than later.

By now it was clear to Charlotte what kind of a man she had married. Benjamin had no head for business. He spent most of his time at the races or at boxing-matches, was often drunk and then violent, and ran up enormous gambling dehts. To escape from his creditors he fled to Normandy in 1784. and ordered Charlotte to join him. Fletcher compellingly uses this traum-

atic experience to open her narrative. On a cold evening in October 1784. Charlotte and her nine children, aged from 16 to two, boarded the packet to Dieppe. That winter in the dilapidated château Benjamin had rented, a tenth child was born. At the same time, two decisions were born in Charlotte's mind. The first was that she would leave her husband - although divorce was impossible - and the second was that she would try to support her family by writing.



William Wordsworth paid Smith a visit as a 21-year-old fan

Over the next two decades she was to publish 10 novels, six books for children and several collections of poetry. Popular though each of these became, they never quite brought her financial stability or even happiness, as Cowper's description of her - "chained to her desk like a slave to his oar" forcibly demonstrates.

I shall select just two aspects from a biography in which there is so much to praise. The first is Fletcher's sheer admiration for Smith. An undisguised partiality waits from the pages like a breath of fresh air amid the stuffiness of academia. Second, Fletcher's analyses of the novels are some of the most valuable pieces of criticism ever written on Smith. She is particularly adept at using material from the fiction to supplement details of Charlotte's life. Only once or twice does this practice

threaten to spill over into conjecture. Fletcher is aided by some of the extraordinary events that Charlotte ex-

perienced. Not many would-be Gothic novelists ever woke up in a Normandy chateau to find in the bedroom eight robed monks, who then proceeded to kidnap a newborn child and carry him two miles through the snow to their monastery for haptism. That did not prevent Chartotte

from sheltering emigrant French clergy fleeing from revolutionary persecution in 1792, even though she could scarcely afford to support her own family. Desperately sad though they are. perhaps some lines from her poem "The Emigrants" remain the best epitaph on her life: "For never yet could I derive relief./ When my swol'n heart was hursting with its sorrows./ From the sad thought, that others like myself/ Live but to swell afflictioo's countless tribes!/ Onward t labour, as the baffled wave./ Which you rough beach repulses, that returns/ With the next breath of wind, to fail again." PAUL JARMAN

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Sheikh Isa, Emir of Bahrain

THE EMIR of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa hin Salman al-Khalifa, was a father figure to his nation and in

When he was buried on Saturday hours after his sudden death from a heart attack, 10,000 of his subjects (he preferred to call them his family and children) turned up to pay their last respects in the cemetery alone. Almost five times as many, or 10 per cent of the population, were in the streets surrounding the Riffa cemetery, although the funeral announcement was made on the staterun television only 15 minutes before

His popularity stemmed from his common touch with ordinary people in this, still very tribal, society where the head of the tribe is expected act as father, to he provider, protector, judge and friend.

Velcome to my country, I hope my people are making you feel at home," were his words the first time I shook his hand many years ago, during a Majlis - the open court he held fortnightly where anyone could attend and speak to him, or hand in a petition.

Almost 20 years later, after two Gulf wars, unrest and threats from powerful hostile neighbours, and two serious illnesses the went to the United States in 1995 and 1998 for treatment in Ohio), the Emir still greeted his foreign guests with a charming, warm smile and the same friendly phrase welcoming the visitor to his country. The natives still lined up in their hundreds, shook free choice; thus women were treathands, kissed him on the forehead, the nose and the chin, before sitting down to drink the Arabic coffee. Their stay had become shorter to make room for others, as the queue spilled from the palace into the surrounding streets; a nightmare for security. But the Emir himself had always been popular, rejecting any security measures that kept him away from his people. According to his close aides, he was conscious enjoying Bahrain's relaxed rules. that oil wealth should not change his and bring with them good business. simple way of life, and he did not lose

his common touch Sheikh Isa was born in 1933, just one year after the first oil in Arabia was struck on the island, when the economy was struggling as the production of Japanese cultured pearls threatened the economy that survived on pearling for hundreds of years. Once under Portuguese rule and then within the ambit of Persia, Bahram had been a sheikhdom of the Khalifas since 1783, and a British

protectorate from 1816. The young Isa was educated by private tutors from Egypt, Britain and other countries. In 1958, at the age of 25, he was appointed heir by his father, the ruler Sheikh Salman hin Hamad al-Khalifa, whom he succeeded as a ruler after his death m 1961. But he did not take the title of Emir until Bahrain's independence from Britain in 1971.

Sheikh Isa was a modernist and became a key Western ally and a good friend of Britain. He was forward-looking and ahead of his oilrich neighbours in developing an economy based on trade, investment, banking and service. Although the tiny island of Bahrain was the first to find oil on the western side of the Gulf in 1932, it was also the first to run out. He made it a priority to diversify and build Bahrain as the service economy of investment and off-shore banking that flourished under his government.

After independence, Sheikh Isa developed a comparatively advanced foreign policy opening to the West. The open policy and the re-laxed laws, designed to attract investment, developed Bahrain into a liberal multi-cultural, multi-faith society that became a haven in a region where strict harsh Islamic rules interfere with the day-to-day life. Bahrain is about the only nation in the region where there is a Jewish synagogue, several Christian churches, Sikh, Hindu and other temples. There tens of thousands of foreign workers from the Indian sub-continent and the Far East can practise their religion freely.

Education, health care and social welfare became a priority during Sheikh Isa's rule. Bahrain achieved the highest level of literacy in the Arab world, and provided levels of social welfare and health care much higher than its massively rich neighbours.

Women in Bahrain became among the most sophisticated, highly educated and better paid in the region. Although a deeply religious man himself, Sheikh Isa believed in the individual's right to a ed equally there are no laws banning alcohol, and the Bahrainis have a choice of more than 25 satellite television sets.

Sheikh Isa also pushed for developing the long causeway that links the oil-rich province of western Saudi Arabla with the island, Saudis and foreign workers drive along the causeway to spend the weekend

Isa's business attitude prevailed. As longstanding claim on the island that August 1975, a mere two and a half

well as impressing American ob-

servers with his modesty and sim-

ple ways, he equally astonished

them by behaving m a business-like

manner that was at variance with

their experience of other Arab lead-

ers. He held a banquet and invited

leading businessmen and bankers,

then took a back seat and let his fi-

nance and trade minister do the talk-

ing to help attract business to

Sheikh Isa also allowed British

Bahrain, while he deployed his

humour and charm.



channels beaming down to their Sheikh Isa succeeded his father as ruler of Bahrain in 1961, and declared himself Emir in 1971

and US military aircraft to use his bases against Saddam Hussein in Iraq, during the 1991 war to liberate Kuwait, and Bahrain is also the headquarters of Unscom, the com-

mittee in charge of disarming Iraq. This caused resentment among some of the pro-Iranian Shia clergy During his trip last year to Wash in the island, who also objected to members of over regional policies. ington and other US cities, Sheikh Bahrain's liberal laws. Iran has a Sheikh Isa dissolved parliament in

Sheikh Isa was liked by the majority of Bahrainis, a man

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goes back some 200 years. Both the

late Shah and Ayatollah Khomenei

employment, have little political

clout compared with the minority

Sunnis, the mainstream Ialamic

sect to which the ruling family be-

longs. The Iranian-educated Shia

clergymen led a wave of anti-

government unrest by inciting

youths to stone bare-legged women

athletes during an international

marathon in December 1994. Al-

Shia Muslims, who face higher un-

renewed the claim.

are believed to be a majority of the island's half-million citizens.

The unrest was compounded by demands from liberals and intellectuals to restore parliament. Following a showdown with left-wing

vears after it was established, mak-

nations to have elected parliaments.

cil of 40 members, most of whom are

members of the old parliament. The

Sheikh was planning to include

women and make a section of par-

liament elected. But he came under

pressure from other secular and

husiness forces fearing that an open

election might produce an Islamic fundamentalist government. This they saw as bad for business.

It was replaced by a Shura coun-

The local unrest was concened mainly of teenagers going on arson attacks or stoning cars and developing running battles with police, along the lines of the Palestinian Intifada, which is glorified in Arab media.

Sheikh Isa would irritate the Prime Minister, and interior ministers, by issuing decrees releasing teenagers and young men arrested by police for arson attacks or other offences during these disturbances, saving as a father he must forgive his children.

Sheikh Isa was liked by the majority of Bahrainis, a man genuinely eager to preserve social stability and the welfare of his citizens. He was a man of civility; his ways were paternalistic but passionate. He felt betrayed when young people began arson attacks and disturbances. and was equally upset when oppoing Bahrain and Kuwait the only Gulf sition based abroad demanded participation in power and claimed to represent the people whom he had so long taken care of.

Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa: born Manama, Bahrain 3 June 1933: succeeded 1961 as Ruler of Bahrain; adopted title of Emir 1971: married (five sons, four daughters); died Manama 6 March 1999.

John Smithes

DURING A life devoted to the making of port. John Smithes made a major contribution not just to the family firm of Cockburn but to the

port trade in general. At Cockburn (now owned by Allied Domecq), he helped to shape the company's Fine Ruby Port and the brand leader in Britain, Cockburn's Special Reserve. His perfectionist quest for quality combined with an intimate knowledge of Portugal's Douro Valley led to the selection of improved clones and the modern system of planting grape varieties in hlocks.

A diminutive man with a big sombrero hat, Smithes was one of the port trade's most enduring, if not always endearing, eccentrics. His legendary volatile temper saw him explode more times than the beloved shotgun which accompanied him on trips in search of partridge and snipe. But he was humble enough to put things right with an apology, an unusual trait in the rigid, hierarchical structure of the port trade. And he was much liked by the Douro Valley farmers on whose grapes Cockburn's relied. When Portugal was embroiled in colonial wars in Angola and Mozambique, he would regularly send packages of cigarettes and other tokens of support to the company'a workers.

John Smithes was born in 1910 and went to school at Anesbury and then Oxford. He joined the family business at Cockburn's London office in 1930. He eschewed the suit and tie and bowler hat traditionally worn in the port trade for a more rural outfit of tweed, brown brogues and trilby.

Smithes couldn't wait to get to Portugal where he was soon helping his father Archie with the blending. In 1938, he became a partner in Cockburn's, then, after the Second World War broke out, he and his wife Nancy joined the RAF and WRAF respectively.

Although Douglas Bader had been a schoolfriend, Smithes lacked the basic landing skills and consequently inflicted more punishment on his own aircraft than the Nazis. In a damage-limitation exercise, he was sent to the back of his aircraft as an observer and rear gunner,

His reputation for accuracy as a wine spitter however was established in the tasting room at Vila Nova de Gaia. Here, he was able to hit the target from six feet, thanks es in declaring 1977 a vintage year. apparently to very few teeth getting in the way. The wine never touched the floor, says the Cockburn's director Peter Cobb.

Instantly recognisable in his broad-brimmed hat, Smithes was a down-to-earth character. He was not interested in creature comforts despite the accolades, the vintage and seemed to thrive on the primitive conditions of the rugged Douro Valley. At the Cockburn's house at at heart. In April 1953, 10 years be-Tua, according to the writer Wyndham Fletcher, "the visits of ladies were not encouraged. The beds were like boards, there was only one bath with limited hot water [and] one primitive lavatory." In similar vein, the Cockburn's house at Val Coelho featured mosquito nets but no bath-



Smithes: a fine spitter. The wine never touched the floor

John Smithes' grandlather, John T Smithes, had purchased the Quinta do Tua estate from Dona Antunia Ferreira in 1890 largely to provide himself with a base in the Douro Valley. At the time, Tha was not particularly significant for the production of port, but John T. Smithes used the vineyard to experiment with grafting and dis ferent pruning methods, a tradition which launched his grandson on a viticultural mission of his own Atthe Tua vineyard in 1933, the young John Smithes experimented with the planting and clonal selection of the individual grape varieties used to blend port.

At a time when farmers were uprooting the top-quality grape variety, Touriga Nacional, because of its uneconomic output. Smithes foresaw the danger of the variety's extinction and successfully produced higheryielding high-quality clones of the grape. Traditionally port's many grape varieties were jumbled up in the vineyard. Smithes pioneered the modern-day practice of planting individual grape varieties in blocks. although it wasn't until the 1970s that Cockburn's adopted the practice for all its vineyards. According to Peter Cobb, it took the trade 30 years to realise that it couldn't depend on independent growers to provide all their high-quality fruit.
Smithes' tasting acumen was

renowned. Port tasters generally divide into nose and palate specialists, says Antonio Graça, Cockburn's master blender who worked with John Smithes for four decades: Smithes was both, with a very good nose and an even better palate. According to his friend David Lett. owner of Eyrie vineyards in Oregon, Smithes coined the term "grip" for the intensity of flavour and aftertaste of port, a feature he valued above all other winespeak terms.

In the cellar, Smithes introduced new technology and championed the pumping-over method of vinification over auto-vinification. His strength lay in blending ruby ports and old tawneys, doing much to shape Cockburn's Vintage. Character Port.

Launched in 1969 as a blend of premium ruby ports. Cockburn's Special Reserve, as it was later renamed, has become by some distance Britain's favourite port. Famously, Cockburn's failed to go along with the rest of the port hous-From a marketing point of view, it was a disaster as customers felt that Cockburn's had lost interest in vintage port. From a quality standpoint however, Smithes had the last laugh. A recent re-appraisal of the 1977 vintage has shown that,

was overrated. John Smithes was a countryman fore the Douro River was dammed, he retraced the perilous 1846 voyage in which Baron Forrester, one of port's most influential figures, weighted down by a leather belt laden with gold pieces, had drowned. while the women survived thanks to the crinolines which had kept them afloat. With George Robertson, author of the Faber book on port (Port. 1978), he embarked on a three-day voyage in a barco rabelo, the boat traditionally used to transport port, 40 pipes at a time (a pipe is a 550-litre port barrel), from high in the Douro to the maturation lodges of Vila Nova de Gaia on the coast.

On his retirement, John Smithes left Portugal for Strete in South Devon, where, with a view over Start Bay, he converted a property into a miniature Douro quinto, complete with terraces and vines.

ANTHONY ROSE

John Henry Smithes, port produc er. born 19 April 1910; married 1932 Nancy Scott (died 1996); died Strete, Devon 22 January 1999.

Dennis Viollet

THERE IS a compelling case for citing the Busby Babes as the most joyously precocious collection of soccer talent ever drawn together under the banner of one English club. That Manchester United team, so savagely devastated by the Munich air disaster in 1958, boasted the likes of Duncan Edwards and Tommy Taylor, Roger Byrne and Eddie Colman, and there was a young fellow called Bobby Chariton who could play a hit, too. Yet one of the side's key performers was widely and peculiarly underrated, though not, it should be emphasised, hy Matt **Busby** himself.

In terms of appearance, Dennis Viollet did not correspond with the underrated popular image of a goal-scoring hero. Wan of countenance and slim to the point of scrawniness, he seemed pathetically equipped physically to mix it with strapping defenders. Yet the prolific Mancunian was a gem, both as a foil for the magnificent Taylor and as a marksman in his own right. Indeed, the fact that



tona - has netted more times than he in a single season for the Red Devils offers telling evidence of his rare calibre.

Viollet was blessed with instinctive ball control, searing acceleration and the vision to use these attributes to full advantage. Arguably he was no one - not Law, not Best, not Can- at his most effective when working

in tandem with Taylor, the bold Yorkshireman who lost his life on thet slushy German runway. Big Tommy was majestic in the air while his less conspicuous but formidably lethal partner was a steel dart at ground level. During the mid-1950s when the Babes were sweeping all before them, the duo struck up a seemingly telepathic understanding, creating space for each other by their imaginative movement and registering a river of goals that showed no signs of drying up. Yet, while Taylor was rewarded by

frequent international recognition, the equally if contrastingly talented Viollet had to wait until two years after the crash before winning the first of only two England caps, a circumstance rendered all the more mysterious by the uninspired nature of some of his rivals.

However, nothing could detract from Viollet's derring-do on the club scene. After captaining Manchester schoolboys - and also playing regularly for his country at that stage be joined Manchester United as an

amateur in 1949, turning professional a year later and making his first-team début in 1952/53.

Thereafter he held his own against white-hot competition as Busby's youthful revolution gathered exhilarating momentum and he won a regular place during 1953/54. Settling brilliantly at inside-left and contributing at least 20 senior goals per season. Viollet went on to share in a succession of heady triumphs, notably the League Championships of 1955/56 and 1956/57. As United hlazed a trail into Europe, his pedigree shone through ever more vividand his evident relish for continental opposition made his sojourn in the international wilderness increasingly perplexing.

Cruelly, the United idyll was halted at Munich, on the way bome from a European Cup trip to Belgrade, when the club's plane crashed on its third attempt at takeoff. Eight players and 15 other passengers died but Viollet, seated next to Charlton, was thrown clear and survived.

As the extent of the tragedy sunk call arrived, though Viollet was to be

in it was feared that even those foot- granted only a paltry two games ballers who had escaped with their lives would never be the same again, Viollet had suffered head injuries and took no part in United's immediate future, missing their emo-tional progress to the FA Cup Final. However, after a couple of League ontings he was pronounced fit enough to play at Wembley, where he proved sadly unable to do himself justice in the defeat by **Bolton Wanderers**

However, fears that Viollet might be diminished as a performer in the long term were banished rapidly during 1958/59 when, converted to Taylor's old role as centre-forward, he excelled as the depleted Red Devils confounded most predictions by finishing as First Division runnersup. Come the following campaign his form was even more remarkable as he notched 32 goals in 36 matches, which remains a club record despite the wealth of expensive strikers employed at Old Trafford over the subsequent four decades. As a result the long-awaited England among the élite.

Still, it seemed certain that he would retain a vital part in Busby's team-rebuilding process for the foreseeable future, but the great manager decreed otherwise. In came David Herd from Arsenal, plans were laid to capture Denis Law from Torino and Viollet having scored 178 goals in 291 games and hardly a has-been at 28 sold to Stoke City for £25,000 in January 1962.

Happily, that was not the end of the footballing world for the popular, easy-going Viollet, Lining up alongside the amazing Stanley Matthews, who was old enough to be his father, be helped the Potters take the Second Division title in his first full season and he remained productively at the Victoria Ground until 1967.

After that Viollet joined British soccer's mini-exodus to the United States, serving two summers with Baltimore Bays, before recrossing the Atlantic for a brief stint with non-League Witton Albion in 1969. Later Florida 6 March 1999.

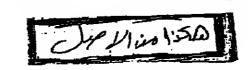
that year he joined Linfield as player-coach and did well in Ulster, pocketing an Irish Cup winner's medal for his pains in 1970.

There followed a coaching spell at Preston North End in 1970, an abortive flirtation with management at Crewe in 1971 - he was sacked after his side was knocked out of the FA Cup by non-League opposition -and a more fulfilling engagement in charge of football for Washington Diplomats between 1974 and 1977.

Viollet went on to achieve further coaching success in the States, settling in Jacksonville, Florida, his home at the time of his death.

IVAN PONTING

Dennis Sydney Viollet, footballer: born Manchester 30 September 1933; played for Manchester United 1949-62, Stoke City 1962-67, Baltimore Bays, USA 1967-68, non-League Witton Albion 1969, Linfield, Northern Ireland 1969-70; capped twice by England 1960-61; managed Crewe Alexandra 1971; twice married; died Jacksonville,



Virginia Durr

VIRGINIA DURR was a well-born white Southern lady who devoted most of her life to campaigning for civil rights in the United States.

In the 1950s, she and her husband, the lawyer Clifford Durr, were in the thick of the civil rights struggle in Alabama. Few local whites supported them, but they were buoyed up by faith in the federaccourts and hy friendship with black neighbours whose political selfconfidence was being built by up Martin Luther King and other leaders.

Both Durrs were staunch Southern purists, and for Virginia especially their struggle was against more than local racists: it was against the unholy alliance between such racists and Northernbased big business, which bore down on poorer whites as well as blacks, and enabled Southern reactionaries to domi-nate Congressional committees. Supremely assured, outspoken and funny, Virginia Durr often seemed to her friends to constitute the most effective left-wing movement in America.

She was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, a city whose heavy industry, as she soon learned, was very much at the mercy of foreign absentee landfords. Her family, the Fosters, were minor aristo-cri, with a dissident streak. Virginia's paternal grandfather, a doctor, had owned a plantation which once had a dozen slaves, but he opposed the war against the Union. Her father, a Presbyterian pastor, was declared a heretic by his congregation for doubting the literal truth of certain Bihle stories. Thereafter, Virginia's lot was genteel poverty; though she went to finishing school in New York, she had to leave Wellesley College after two years for want of money.

By the time she married Clifford Durr in 1926, Virginia had begun to question the social order. Her brother-in-law Hugo Black (later a Supreme Court justice) set her thinking about labour problems; she had mixed with black students; and she had learned that women could be more than wives and mothers.

In Birmingham, the Durrs witnessed addle of the worst effects of the Depression, but in 1933 they moved to Washington and were able to make their mark on the New Deal. Cliff worked at first in a government agency to rescue banks; in 1941 he moved to the Federal Communications Commission (where he put public service broadcasting on a firm footing). Virginia worked on a Democratic committee trying to abolish the poll-tax, which in many Southern states effectively denied the vote to poor whites as well as blacks. (One new friend was the young Lyndon B. Johnson, whose Voting Rights Act in 1965 finally swept away this injustice.)

In 1938 Virginia returned to Birmingham for a meeting of the colour-blind Southern Conference for Human Welfare: it felt as if "the whole South was coming together to make a new day". In 1941 she became vice chairman of the ittee against the poll-tax, ar wh. help from Eleanor Roosevelt gained a partial victory next year when Congress exempted servicemen in federal elections. Reading Bleak House, Virginia wondered if her family saw her as Mrs Jellaby, for her campaigning now had to compete with three daughters. Yet the Durrs didn't hesitate to take in Jessica (Decca) Mitford and her baby daughter, when Decca's husband Esmond Romilly went off to the war.

In 1947, anti-Communist purges in the US were well under way. Virginia herself was never asked to join the Party; she was, after all, famously indiscreet. The one party which did appeal to her was Henry Wallace's Progressive, for whom she campaigned in 1948. In the same year, Cliff resigned from the FCC rather than have to administer the "loyalty oaths" which Truman now required of government servants. Witchhy 'ers also forced him out of a job in Deriver, so in 1952 the Durrs returned to Alabama, where at least, said Cliff, "I know who the sons-of-bitches are".

Cliff opened a law office in his home



Tilla, you look as though you have just come out of a documentary!' Cliff and Virginia Durt and daughter

his secretary. In 1954 Senator Eastland, of Mississippi, tried to show that she (and by association Mr Justice Black) was part of a Red conspiracy. This racist bully ("commoo as pig's tracks", said Virginia) reckoned without her skills in wire-pulling - or her ability to hold her tongue when silence was the best weapon.

Later in 1954 the Supreme Court outlawed segregated schools. In Montgomery, among those who helped black children settle into formerly all-white schools was a friend of the Durrs, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress. In December 1955 she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. It was Cliff who had her released from custody, and he helped her decide to test the constitutionality of such segregation.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People funded the case, which was taken up by their local lawyer Fred Gray, Meanwhile the black people of Montgomery organised a

town, Montgomery, and Virginia became the Durrs did become easier. At home, they were no longer ostracised, while Cliff was invited to lecture in Europe. His death in 1975 was a huge loss, but it helped that by then Virginia's memories were much in demand: a series of interviews over three years yielded an autobiography, Outside the Magic Circle (1985), which admirably caught the salt savour of her story-telling.

In 1980 she was asked to speak at Raddiffe. They tell me to talk about myself, and I find that hard to do in 20 minutes." She visited China, and made further trips to England. She loved English gardens, especially "Sissing-hoist", and inchiged Epicurean tastes that surprised those who had got to know her amid the plain living and high thinking of the Pes Level - the Durr farm outside Montgomery.

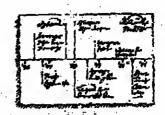
Eating snails after the opera at Covent Garden was a pleasure that had to be repeated. Her directness was ever a delight: "Why don't they look o-pressed?" she asked of the crowds in year-long bus boycott, until the Supreme Petticoat Lane. She was a tireless cor-

there early in 1946. Virginia was a warm-hearted, happy-go-lucky sort of person whose domestic arrangements always seemed to be slightly scatty. One of her four daughters would often come over saying, "Momma has run out of sugar. Could you please fill up this cup for her?" It was not that she was a sponger. She was just not very well organised. Her daughters reflected this. She said to one of them, "Tilla, you look as though you have just come out of a documentary!

She often had British guests staying with her. During the war Churchill's nephew Esmond Romilly and his wife Jessica Mitford made a temporary home there. Romilly went off to the war and was killed in 1941. Decca moved to California, remarried, and became the highly successful author of such books as Hons and Rebels and The American Way of Death, which exposed malfeasance in the US undertaking business.

Four of us neighbours, Clifford Durg Charles Kindleberger (who later had a major role in the Marshall Plan), Bill Livinestone of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and I, used to take turns to drive the eight miles or so into Washington. Cliff had been a Rhodes Scholar and loved to reminisce about Oxford. As a leading member of the Federal Communications Commission he was vigilant in making American radio stations honour the public service pledges on which they had been awarded the franchise to broadcast. Such obligations

have long since gone by the board. When it was Cliff's turn to provide the car Virginia would happily borrow a vehicle from one of the other neighbours to do her shopping. She kept a horse, which her daughters used to ride, and a rather fierce rooster which frightened my eldest son. There were always political gatherings taking place at the Durrs. Her brotherin-law Hugo Black, a Justice of the Supreme Court, was frequently present and so was Lyndon Johnson, then a freshman senator. She was a very



HISTORICAL NOTES

Time does not distort reality. Life does

AT ONE time or another, we James Sinciair The victim fell must have all felt that we to the floor, crying, "I am a were born into the wrong era. We pine for the false simplicity of the past or yearn for . a feature of infinite possibilities. This is why we read fiction, to expand if only for a moment the terrible literalness of our daily lives.

For some unfortunates, however, circumstances leave them wondering if they might not have strayed into the wrong life altogether. Foremost among these must have been Dr Johnson's hapless friend Richard Savage, "born", according to Johnson, "with a legal claim to honour and to affluence" as the illegitimate son of the fourth Earl Rivers by the Countess of Macclesfield. Savage descended into a short life of bastardy and confusion. After an orphaned youth, he followed the literary profession with only limited success and finally died in a debtors' prison. Most of his days, he could well have echoed Gerard Manley Hopkins's later complaint, "Why must disappointment

all I endeavour end?" . And never more so than on the night of Monday 20 November 1727, when Savage and two associates stopped in at Robinson's coffee-house near Charing Cross, Rushing into a room that was just being vacated, the newcomers sparked a quarrel with the departing guests. In the succeeding mêlée, Savage's sword somehow found its way through the belly of one frontation, and that there (Hendline, £5.99)

dead man, and was stabb'd cowardly." By mid-December, Richard Savage stood in the Old Bailey, declared guilty of murder. If it had not been for the royal pardon arranged by his important friends, history might have recalled the poet more as a common bully

than as a tragic idler. Yet, as Clarence Tracy notes in his book The Artificial Bastard, Savage "has become a legend rather than an historical fact". The killing, along with the celebrated trial, has remained as conjectural as the attack on Christopher Marlowe in Deptiord, Random violence so often blurs everything within its reach. And, when the defendant's supporters included none other than the Great Cham himself, it was no wonder that tha event should have been transformed by its retelling. Johnson's account, the earliest of his great Lives of the Poets, was frankly biased, yet became over time all but factual. He concluded that Savage was a "modest, inoffensive man, not inclined to broils or to insolence" and, therefore, deserving of mercy, if not outright exoneration. More recently, Richard Holmes has

were plenty of inconsistencies in the depositions. What truly happened that night may lie for ever beyond our knowing. When I decided to use his

incident in my book about a 13th-century watchman named George Man, it was precisely these uncertainties that I most wanted to exploit. Time, I reasoned, does not distort reality. Life distorts reality. If even Savage's contemporaries were divided on their facts and memories, we of later ages need feel no misgivings about letting our imaginations recast the scenario. Altered definitions, shifted points of view, extrapolated behaviour - these are legitimate devices for the novelist to use in an effort to recreate a past that would otherwise be lost to us. He must of course, keep faith with the sights, tastes, and thoughts of the times. But, if he does, he may very well capture what eluded even the participants and eyewitnesses themselves, the natural ambiguity of life as fickle as quicksilver

In his poetical satire On False Historians, Savage writes of "romantick" taletellers that "stead of history. such authors raise / Mere, crude, wild novels of bad hints for plays". I trust that, given all his own failings, he would not have judged my version of his life too harshly.

Keith Heller is the author of Man's Loving Family

Assured, outspoken and funny, she often seemed to her friends to constitute the most effective left-wing movement in America

Durrs were shunned by almost all their white neighbours. Cliff's practice which he kept going until 1965 - was sustained by clients who mostly could not pay. Yet increasingly the Durrs were sought out by curious and admiring outsiders, including several British graduate students. For certain Northern activists, Virginia's feelings were ambivalent. Brave and bright they might be, but too often they treated the Durr home as just a free hotel - and after all. they could always fly out to safety.

By the late 1960s desegregation in the South was far advanced, but for Virginia the end of one struggle was the beginning of another. Votes for all seemed only to entrench the demagogue George Wallace, while hlack students seemed indifferent to the efforts of their elders. and cynical about the state as a possi-

Court ruled in favour of Mrs Parks. The respondent, mingling hard personal questions with political comment that became ever more scathing as the US and Britain lurched to the right.

In summer. Durr held court on Martha's Vineyard in the house of her daughter Lucy and son-in-law Sheldon Hackney It was there she celebrated her 90th hirthday, "in the pink", surrounded by a host of friends and descendants: she had 11 grandchildren and 12 greatgrandchildren. Past battles were fondly recalled and Virginia Durr herself took the starring role in a high-powered seminar on Democracy and Equality. Few people, surely, have lived this century so fully.

ANDREW D. ROBERTS

Virginia and Clifford Durr were my next-door neighbours on Seminary Hill, outside Alexandria, Virginia, writes ble force for good. All the time, life for Leonard Miall, when I went to live Pennsylvania 24 February 1999.

stimulating neighbour.

Virginia Heard Foster, civil rights activist: born Birmingham, Alabama 6 August 1903; married 1926 Clifford Durr (died 1975; four daughters, and one son deceased); died Carlisle,

John of God, St Julian of

Apollonius, St Pontius of

and St Veremund.

Toledo, Saints Philemon and

Carthage, St Senan of Scat-

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CASE SUMMARIES

argued that Johnson sup-

pressed evidence and be-

trayed the biographer's code.

Yet even he is forced to admit

that it was one of Savage's

companions, William Mer-

chant, who triggered the con-

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THE FOLLOWING notes of some higher standard founded judgments were prepared by the reporters of the All England Law Reports.

Practice

ers of Customs and Excise v Anchor Foods Ltd; Ch D (Neuberger J), 26 February

A MAREVA injunction to restrain the defendant from selling or disposing of its assets was granted on the condition that a cross-undertaking in damages was provided. Although the purpose of the Mareva jurisdiction was to afford protection to a person with a good arguable claim and not to impede or interfere with an ordinary bona fide business transaction, the court was satisfied that justice and convenience would best be served if an injunction was granted.

Richard McCombe QC, Paul Girolami, Amanda Tipples (Solr for Customs and Excise) for the commissioners; David Pannick QC, Adam Lewis, Sandra Bristoli (Dibb Lupton Alsop) for the defendant.

Costs

Tate v Hart: CA (Anid. Sediev LJJ) 1 March 1999.

WHERE A court found that that, in appealing against a wasted costs order, solicitors had not been in breach of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations 1989, the wasted costs order should not have been upheld on the basis that they had acted either unreasonably or negligently as defined in 11(2). The court was wrong to impose an extra obligation which was not found to be imposed by the regulations, "correspondence" hetween and to have that duty upon the remedies available at law

on a concept of unreasonableness or negligence, especially where the making of a punitive order such as a wasted costs order was involved.

Alan Evans (Krivinkas & Co, chester) for the plaintiff; Paul Creaner Bleasdale & Co, White haven) for the defendant.

Sentencing

R v Brown and ors; CA, Crim Div (Auld LJ, Forbes, David Steel JJ) 3 Feb 1999. WHILST SUBSTANTIAL sentences were justified for

offences of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and conspiracy to corrupt a police officer because of the impact of such offences on the criminal justice system, a starting point of 13 years' imprisonment was far too high, even where a defendant who was a former police officer had used know-how and contacts gained during his time in the police force in committing a pattern of serious offences.

John Nutting QC, Anne Johnston (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Brown: Graham Henson (Registree of Criminal Appeals) for King: Sasha Wass (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for Mahoney.

Limitation

Coulthard v Disco Mix Club Ltd and ors; Ch D (Jules Sher QC sitting as a deputy High Court judge) 1 March 1999. NO DISTINCTION could be made with regard to limitation between a common law action for damages for fraud the notes to RSC Ord 62, r and its counterpart in equity based on the same facts. The statute of limitations applied by analogy where there was a

or in equity even if the equi-table relief was wider than that available at law. Stephen Bate (Jordans) for the plaintiff; Adrian Speck (Wiggin & Co) for the defendants.

Pensions

Bus Employees Pensio Trustees Ltd and anor v Harrod and ors; NBC Pension Trustees Lid and aner v Paddock and anor; Ch D (Sir Richard Scott V-C) 2 March 1999.

THE STATUTORY definitions and provisions in the Pensioo Schemes Act 1993 and the Pensions Act 1995 did not apply to a scheme which was in the process of being wound up. A case in which the winding up had apparently been completed and the members had apparently been paid off accordingly did not fall within the meaning of occupational pension scheme in s 1 of the 1993 Act

Michael Tennet (Taylor Joynson Garrett) for the plaintiffs; Michael Furness (Baker & McKenzie) for the first and second defendants.

Dangerous dog

Cummings v DPP; QBD, Div Ct (Kennedy LJ, Blofeld J) 26 Feb 1999.

WHERE AN attack hy a dog which was dangerously out of control took place on land which was not in the ownership of the dog owner but of the local council, evidence of public user did not have to be adduced, since it could be inferred. In the present case the justices had been entitled on the evidence to find that the dogs were dangerously out of control in a public place. P. Crampin (Singh & Choudry) for the appellant; John McGuinness

DAVID MELLOR'S adumbrations upon Mahler's Fifth led, convincingly, to his plumping for Lenny and the Vienna Philharmonic in 1986 (still full-price), with an honourable mention for Klaus Tennstedt, who was "a personal friend". Mellor should stick with friends, acquaintances and lovers: that tautology is pervasive,

WORDS CHRISTOPHER

HAWTREE personal, adj.

as in railway guards' recent, airline-like reminder that "customers" should take all their "personal belongings" at the next "station

stop" - rather than leap out midway with somebody else's stuff.

Meanwhile, I steel myself

to hear a recent disc not mentioned by Mellor: David Briggs's version of Mahler's Fifth for the organ at Gloucester Cathedral, And why not? Mahler made piano-rolls of other symphonies – preferable to the Boulez discs.

GAZETTE

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Quoen and The Duke of Edinbergh attend the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey, London SWI, and attend a reception at Marthorough House, London SWI, to mark Commonwealth Day and to celevate the Stit noniversary of the modern Carunonwealth. The Prince of Wales, and the Falkiand Islands. The Duke of York attends a dinner to mark the opening of the Nato Conference at the Boyal United Services Institute, London SWI. The Princess Royal visits Jupon, Philippines and New Zealand.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavalry Mounted Reg-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; ist Battalion Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.20mm, band provided by the Cold-stream Guards.

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BIRTHDAYS

Maj-Gen Sir Christonber Airy, former private secretary to the Prince and Princess of Wales, 65; Professor Charles Boxer, historian, linguist and writer, 95; Mr Gyles Brandreth, journalist and broadcaster, 51; Sir Julian Bullard, former ambassador to West Germany, 71; Professor Sir Donald Campbell, former President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 69: Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor, 75; Miss Cyd Charisse, actress and dancer, 78: Major Graham Dunnett Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness, 70; Mr Phil Edmonds, cricketer. 48; Mr Michael Grade, former chief executive of Channel Four Television, 56; Miss Eileen Herlie, actress, 79; Lord Burd of Westwell, former government minister, 69; Mr Michael Inchbald, interior

designer, 79; Miss Ann Jen-ner, ballerina, 55; Mr Gary Numan, rock musician, 41: Mr Mark Oaten MP. 35: Miss Lynn Redgrave. actress, 56; Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi, 51; Miss Lynn Seymour, ballerina, 60: Professor Stephen Smith, gynaecologist, 48; Professor Norman Stone, modern historian, 58; Mr Robert Tear, operatic tenor, 60; Miss Claire Trevor, actress, 90; Mr David Wilkie, Olympic swimmer, 45.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Kenneth Grahame, writer, 1859; Frederic William Goudy, printer and typographer, 1865; Leonard Alfred George Strong, novelist, poet and playwright, 1896. Deaths: Abraham Darby ironfounder, 1717; Sir William Chambers, architect, 1796; Louis-Hector Berlioz, com-

Zeppelin, soldier and inventor, 1917; Sherwood Anderson, writer, 1941; Sir Thomas Beecham Bt, conductor, 1961; Richard Austen Butler. Baron Butler of Saffron Walden, statesman, 1982; Alan Tindal Lennox Boyd, first Viscount Boyd of Merton, statesman, accidentally killed 1983; Sir William Turner Walton, composer, 1983. On this day: the "February" Revolution (Old Style date) began in Russia at Petrograd, 1917; Mahatma Gandhi started a civil disobedience campaign in India, 1930; the Soviet Union claimed to be the possessor of the atomic bomb, 1950; the US landed 3,500 marines in South Vietnam, 1965; in Dublin, the Nelson Column was destroyed by an IRA bomb, 1966. Teday is the Feast Day of St Duthac, St Felix of Dunwich,

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poser, 1869; Count Ferdinand

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Mari-Caroline and Alex. 'Tm sure mum and dad worry and I haven't told them about some of the situations I've been in,' admits Alex

A lust for adventure

was born in Africa and grew up there so I have always been attracted to the wilder parts of the world. Life may not be as comfortable, but it feels more real in the hush. When I was little I was hooked on wildlife and animals. When other kids were into the Famous Five and Biggles, Gerald Durrell and David Attenhorough were my beroes. Because my dad worked for Shell Chemicals, the family moved all over Africa - Ethiopia, Kenya, the Sudan - and we all got used to uprooting and moving on. That may be why wanderlust is in my blood.

At university I studied zoology, but I had no idea what I wanted to do as a career; I just knew I didn't want a desk job. Before university I took a me going back for more. year off and went to Zimbabwe where I worked catching crocodiles. It's not that I was fearless - I just didn't think about the danger. Being in the hush, miles away from I was tiger-tracking in Nepal, for anywhere, is my idea of heaven. It's example, we were charged by a good to come hack to London for rhino, which was terrifying. Another about two weeks, and then I'm time I was working on an antdesperate to get back oo the road.

The sense of adventure I get when I set off to these remote places is like a drug. And, just as with any steep edges of a dry river bed and drug, you have to be aware of the dangers and exercise caution. I honestly do believe you are just as likely to be run down by a car in think my parents were worried that London as you are to get into some I would never come back. When I Alex is fearless and adventurous respected lepidopterist and would still there - it never goes. sort of trouble in Africa.

FAMILY AFFAIR

Alex Nickson is 26. As a tour leader he has travelled to some of the world's most remote places, but now he plans to take a desk job. His mother, Mari-Caroline, admires his fearless spirit – even though she worries about him - and isn't sure he will be able to settle down

have a huge effect on me, but it to take a load of tourists over the living on the edge and puts himself wouldn't put me off travelling. I would love to go to the Bwindi National Park and see the wildlife at close quarters. The beauty of Africa or any of those isolated areas outweighs the risks for me. It's not just about the wildlife, it's about the culture of the place and the people, too. I have also travelled and worked in India, which is hardly what you would describe as remote. It's more about the lure of new experiences and a thrill of adventure that keeps

I'm sure my mum and dad worry ahout me and I have been in situations which I haven't told them about in case I scared them. When poaching patrol in northern Zimbabwe and we were charged by a herd of huffalo. We jumped over the prayed the huffalo wouldn't see us.

There have been times when I

border into Pakistan, when America in these situations, and I admire that. launched its missile attack on Afghanistan, and Pakistan threatened to throw all the tourists out. That worried me because Pakistan was our only way out. But we managed it. It was only when I arrived back that I realised that all our families had been worried by press reports that we were missing or dead.

Although I love travelling I am now looking seriously for a career, or something that provides me with training and a decent salary. If I could stay in the UK and maybe do one or two trips each year just to satisfy my lust for adventure, I could cope with that I can't be a wanderer for ever

Mari-Caroline

worry about Alex when he shoots off to these remote parts of the world. I am just grateful that I don't hear about his exploits until he gets home; I don't think I That was a bit too close for comfort. could cope with knowing about them at the time. I think that in this case ignorance really is bliss.

was trekking on the Silk Route in the and I would never want to change think nothing of jumping out of the The reports from Uganda did far west of China, I was just about that part of his personality. He likes car in pursuit of some rare breed of

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hutterfly - utterly regardless of the dangers of the hush. He was crazy ahout Africa and loved nature. insects and plants. Alex is a lot like him in many ways.

In some ways I am quite envious. I

wish I could have done some of the

things he has done. I have the same

sense of adventure as Alex hut, as

a woman, I didn't really have the

same opportunities that he has had.

leader I was apprehensive but also

thrilled for him. I would never try to

stop him because I know he wouldn't

listen anyway. Alex is sensible and

knows the ropes. He wouldn't stick

his nose into danger out of choice,

but the risk goes with the territory.

the dangers of Africa because I was

born and brought up in Uganda. I

situations myself and I understand

what they are like. I'm sure I would

have been worried sick if he had

been in Uganda during the recent

events because I know the area only

too well, and its particular dangers.

I think Alex has inherited his

fearless spirit from his grandfather.

My father moved to Uganda straight

after the war looking for a new life

and adventure. He was a highly

I suppose I am a hit hlasé about

When he got the job as a tour

I know Alex thinks he can adapt to working in England and of course I'm always delighted to see him, but I want him to be happy and I'm not sure a desk job would suit him. He feels it's somehow required of him to settle down and earn a proper living but I don't think it's as simple as that: I doo't believe he is really cut out for that sort of life. Once you have lived this wayward sort of lifestyle it is very seductive and extremely difficult to give up. Every day is different; you move on, you see different sights, you smell different smells, you experience different pleasures. You can't compare a life London to that

Although I do get frightened for Alex sometimes, particularly when he is in a political hotspot or we are have been in some dangerous out of contact for a long time, I could never have kept him molly-coddled in England. He could meet a far worse fate just travelling on the Underground. I miss him when he goes away and sometimes we can't even phone each other because there is no communication where he is staying. But we always manage to pick up the threads where we left off. When he comes home he just slots in and we jog along together. It is all

> INTERVIEWS BY LIZ BESTIC

'I never ran with the pack'

Continued from page 1 When I ask him what most frightens him in life, he says: Chelsea winning the league". He adds that Spencer "can name 16 of the A-team Arsenal squad and can sing all the chants". Stanley's firstever item of clothing, he continues, was an Arsenal Babygro. He says you've got to be ever watchful. Someone might slip a Spurs shirt on them one day, and they like the colours, and that's that... I can't be too sure about this, but I imagine that when Piers goes to Highbury, he possibly takes a picnic

basket. "A nice bit of Brie. anyone." The Mirror has not done too badly under his editorship. When Piers was first appointed in 1995 the paper had truly lost its way with no coherent voice, and a tedious overreliance on showbiz and soap stories. Now it is better written, with better news stories, and the title is the only red-top not to have lost circulation in the last year. (The current circulation figure is 2,289,373.)

He is clever enough to have established early on where the land lay His higgest mistake, he says. was trying to go head to head with The Sun, which culminated in the xenophobic "Achtung Surrender!" headline during Euro '96. He can see that he misjudged things badly there, although I'm not sure he properly regrets it. "After all, it's a joke you'd be able to get away with in Dad's Army or 'Allo. 'Allo, isn't it?" he says.

He is splendidly arrogant. He appeared once on Have I Got News For You?, tried to get the audience on his side against Ian Hislop, and failed. It was all rather embarrassing. But he watched the video again the other day and "you know, it wasn't that bad. It was quite funny".

Does anything make you feel humble. Piers? "When we've run appeals, and ordinary people in ordinary streets doing ordinary jobs send in cheques for £10, which is probably half their weekly supermarket hill, that makes me feel humble," I wish I knew which supermarkets they went to.

He is. primarily, a "scoop" man. which is fine. But are all scoops fair. I ask him. Was getting a reporter to buy drugs from Jack Straw's son fair? Absolutely be says. "That boy knew more names for resin than even I do. He was heavily into it." His father might need to know that, but not us, surely. He says he didn't inteod to publish at first. But after the transaction took place, he had to, because a criminal action had occurred, and he didn't want his reporter to get into even further trouble with the police. "I had my

Why would you walk?

protected. "They sell their wed. dings to OK! for £100,000, then complain when we write about their divorce. You can't take the money for the good stuff then tur the tau off for the bad stuff."

Piers Stefan Pughe-Morgan was born in Sussex in 1985, He was called Piers, he says, because at that time there was a dashing young racing driver called Plers Courage. He says "I could start a club of 33-year-olds called Piers." Still, he accepts, it could have been worse. It could have been Nigel.

Piers' father, Glynne, ran a meat distribution business. His mother Gabrielle, sounds long-suffering "This is my wife and she's Gay" is how his father always introduces her at parties. Still, ahe's always been his greatest support. "I speak to her almost every day. She'll support me to the end, whatever my heinous journalistie crimes." Which are? "If I was ever too critical of Diana she would be on my case. She camped on The Mali for the wedding."

He's a newspaperman, through and through. Even when he's in The Caribbean, he gets itchy for ink after a couple of days. "Then I'm down the supermarket, buying The Tobago Times and getting cross because there is no four-day old copy of USA Today." He read. newspapers from an early age. He remembers, at six - before he had quite got to grips with the magic "e" - picking out a headine from the Daily Mail and asking: "Mum, who's this girl who's been rapped?" He was always fantastically amhitious, too. He has, yes, always been supremely selfconfident. He is boping to pass this on to Stanley. "I say to him, it doesn't matter if you are or aren't the best, but you do have to want to be the best."

He did a year in the City after school, then went to Harlow Tech to study journalism, Next it was The Wimbledon News. And then The: Sun, where I first encountered him. Aside from never giving me any pointers, he was also keen, I recall, on shoving me out of the way, so he could have his picture taken with celebrities. He was always "Friend of the Stars". He says now this was all just a joke, really.

Still, when he pops out of his office for a moment, which he does at one point, I note a framed photograph on the floor, leaning with its back to me, against a wall, I take a naughty peek. It's him meeting John Major - aghh! Whatever he thinks of John though, he hasn't . taken any culinary tips from Norma because I can reveal that he doesn't keep grated cheese in "." hand forced. Plus it was a good his freezer. Is this yet another newspaper story." He doesn't think scoop for me? I still find it quite celebrifies' private lives should be hard to tell.

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people next door round for dinner and - I swear this is I was astounded (I recall

asking them jokingly if they used a light aircraft to get to the supermarket, which simply drew hlank looks and the mental scratching of my name from all future invitation lists), but I have since come to realise that there was nothing especially odd in their driving less than a couple of hundred feet to visit us. Nohody walks anywhere in America nowadays.

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A researcher at the University of California at Berkeley recently made a study of the nation's walking habits and concluded that 85 per cent of people in the United States are "essentially" sedentary; 35 per cent of the population are "totally" sedentary. The average American walks less than 75 miles a year - about 1.4 miles a week, barely 350 yards a day. I'm no stranger to sloth myself, hut that's appallingly little.

One of the things we wanted when we moved to America was to live in a town within walking distance of shops. a small, typical New England main street, nice college in short, an agreeable, easy place to stroll. Nearly everyfive-minute walk of the shops, and yet as far as I can tell virtually no ooe walks.

day when I am at home. I go next door, and popped in, ento the post office or library or gine still running. the local bookshop, and some-

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times, if I am feeling particularly debonair, I stop at Rosey Jekes Cafi for a cappuccino. All this is a hig part of my life and I wouldn't dream of doing it other than on foot. People have got used to this curious and eccentric behaviour now. hut several times in the early days, passing neighbours would slow beside the kerb and ask if I wanted a lift.

"But I'm going your way," they would insist when I politely declined. "Really, it'a no bother." "Honestly, I enjoy walking." Well, if you're absolutely sure", they would say, and depart rejuctantly, as if they felt they were leaving the scene of an accident. People have become so

habituated to using the car for everything that it would never occur to them to unfurl their legs and see what they can do. Sometimes it's almost ludi-Hanover, where we settled, is crous. The other day I was in a little nearby town called college town, pleasant, se- Etna waiting to hring home date and compact. It has a one of my children from a broad green an old-fashioned piano lesson when a car stopped outside the local post buildings with hig lawns, and office and a man about my age leafy residential streets. It is, popped out and dashed inside (and left the motor running something else that exercises one in town is within a level me inordinately). He was inside for about three or four minutes, then came out, got in the car and drove exactly I walk to town nearly every 16 feet to the general store

And the thing is, this man a particular book and anyway

looked really fit. I'm sure he I figured that this would give jogs extravagant distances my wife a chance to spend and plays squash and does all kinds of exuberantly healthful things, but I am just as sure overheated children. that he drives to each of these undertakings. It's crazy. An acquaintance of ours was complaining the other day about the difficulty of finding a place to park outside the local gymnasium. She goes there several times a week to walk on a treadmill. The gymnasium is, at most, a sixminute walk from her front door. I asked why she didn't walk to the gym and do six minutes less on the treadmill.

She looked at me as if I were tragically simple-minded and said, "But I have a programme for the treadmill. It records my distance and speed, and I can adjust it for degree of difficulty." It had not occurred to me how thoughtlessly deficient nature is in this regard.

According to a concerned and faintly horrified recent editorial in the Boston Globe, the United States spends less than 1 per cent of its \$25hn-ayear roads hudget on facilities for pedestrians. Actually, I'm surprised it's that much, Go to almost any suburb developed in the last 30 years - and there are thousands to choose from - and you will not find a pavement anywhere. Often you won't find a single pedestrian crossing. I am not

exaggerating. I had this brought home to me last summer when we were driving across Maine and stopped for coffee in one of those endless zones of shopping malls, motels, petrol stations and fast food places that sprout everywhere in America these days. I noticed there was a bookshop across the street, so I decided to skin coffee and pop over. I needed

some important private quality time with four reshive,

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was no more than 50ft or 60ft away, I discovered that there was no way to get there on foot. There was a traffic crossing for cars, but no provision for pedestrians and no way to cross without dodging through three lanes of swiftly turning traffic. I had to get in the car and drive across. At the time it seemed ridiculous and exasperating, but afterwards I realised that I was probably the only person ever even to have entertained the

notion of negotiating that

intersection on foot. The fact is, Americans not only don't walk anywhere, they won't walk anywhere, and woe to anyone who tries to make them, as a town here in New Hampshire called Laconia discovered to its cost. A few years ago Laconia spent \$5m on pedestrianising its town centre, to make it a pleasant shopping environ-ment. Aesthetically it was a triumph - urban planners came from all over to coo and take photos - hut commercially it was a disaster. Forced to walk one whole block from a car park, shoppers abandoned downtown Laconia for suburban mails.

In 1994 Laconia dug up its pretty brick paving, took away the benches and tubs of geraniuma and decorative trees, and put the street back to the way it had been in the first place. Now people can park right in front of the shops again and downtown Laconia thrives anew. And if that isn't sad. I don't know what is.

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h the pack And for our next cunning plan

The South Bank is looking for yet another scheme that will rejuvenate the world's biggest arts complex. By James Fisher

hilious plan hy Richard Rogers to put a glass roof South Bank Centre, the complex is following the showbiz maxim to pick itself up, dust itself down and start all over again.

This week sees the announcement of a shortlist for a new master planner in what will he the third formal attempt to sort out the problems that bedevil the centre.

The South Bank may be Britain's planned that way. It grew up in an ad hoc fashion after the Royal Festival Hall was completed for the 1951 Festival of Britain, and despite the Sixtus' hid to impose structure on it was raised walkways, its nature still shows. To call it a "centre" at all is optimistic - rather, it is a collection of different arts venues.

In the Eighties, the architect Terry Farrell was in charge of the first attempt, drawing up proposals that would have paid for improved arts facilities by commercialising the centre; in the Nineties, Rogers and the lottery seemed to offer a route, which would have allowed the South Bank to modernise without compromising. Both came to nothing.

After the failed attempts by two of Britain's leading architects and £2m of lottery funding down the drain, is it time to call a halt to the idea that a "grand project" solution can be found for the South Bank; time to make the best of what's the clean up and move on?

Asparently not, if you read the master planner. On the face of it this is a bold statement of intent, an announcement of another fresh start that involves possible demolition and replacement of the Hayward Gallery, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Purcell Room. Out with the expensive glass roof, in with costly new buildings.

But the South Bank Centre argues that its new plan is something of a third way - neither a grand project, nor papering over the cracks. Bold, but affordable.

When the Rogers plan collapsed last year, the culture secretary, Chris Smith, became involved and called for a back-to-basics approach at the South Bank. A new chief executive, the property developer Ellio" Bernerd, was appointed to examine the issues and come up with a new way forward. His approach is underpinned by three basic tenets: what money is available, what money can be got and what can be huilt with it. The word "pragmatic" is one that comes readily to the lips of South Bank people these days. 'It's a pragmatic approach: what buildings we need, what buildings we can afford. It is an

little less than a exercise in measuring blocks of year after the farce space, rather than a grand vision," that ended the am- says one. To further this aim, the centre hired Britain's leading process-oriented space-measurer Dr Frank Duffy, to draw up a brief over the entire for the competition to choose the new master planner. Duffy, chairman of the planning and architecture firm DEGW, says the latest approach is "more about managing the process"

than previous attempts. "My idea of urban design is that it is rooted in politics and economics, as well as spatial relationships and architecture. This is not a very British idea." Duffy, who trained in largest arts complex, but it was not America, says it was crucial to separate the joh of the master planner (making sure the project is achievable) from that of the architects (responsible for the design of individual huildings). "The problem with Rogers' approach is that it became a mega-structure. This time, the project will be delivered stage by stage, while the show goes on, and each new stage will deliver a better service to the public," he argues.

And this gets to the heart of the South Bank's problem, third time round. Rogers' glass roof had its critics, but it also had a bold vision. Pragmatism and process may well be New Labour, but they are not very exciting. And the centre badly needs to generate some kind of huzz around the project.

There is also a sense that the moment may have passed. Rogers' project could have opened at the start of the next century or coincided with the 50th anniversary of the Feshval of Britain. Now it may be five vears before anything new happens at the South Bank Centre-2004 and centre's compelition brief for a new the 53rd anniversary don't have quite the same resonance.

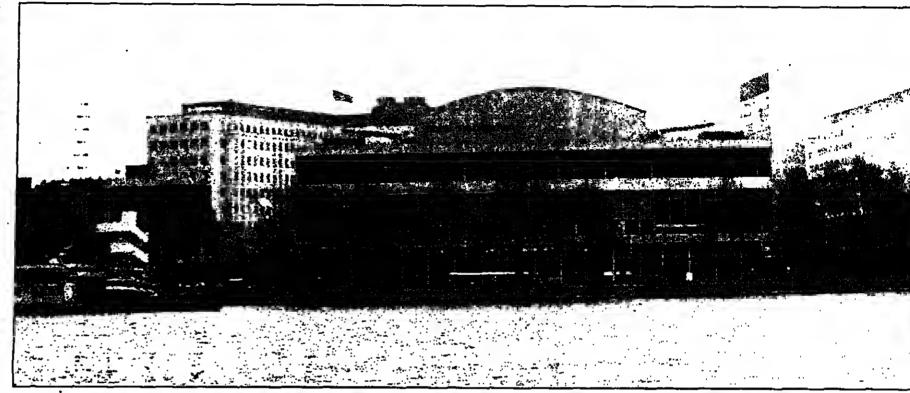
What excitement there is comes in the form of expanded film facilities on the site: the British Film Institute plans to sell its West End headquarters and move to the South Bank. The sale will raise enough money to build a new headquarters and a National Film & Television School, and enlarge the National Film Theatre and the Museum of the Moving Image. Excitement also comes in the "radical" idea of demolishing the still-controversial Sixties buildings at the heart of the centre - the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Room and the Hayward Gallery. But even this will not be straightforward.

The often impractical concrete buildings have their admirers, who oppose demolition. Both English Heritage and the Twentieth Century Society have argued that they should be listed to protect them against wholesale redevelopment. Twentieth Century Society's consultant director, Ken Powell, says: "We are very alarmed. The Arts Council, culture secretary, South ganging up on the Sixties buildings. . concrete building can improve it.



Above: Richard Rogers plan for a glass roof over the South Bank was rejected and below, the concrete complex which has its admirers

PA/Peter Cook



"It is almost undeniable that audiences like the Hayward, and most people accept that it and the other huildings could be retained and modernised. We want to emphasise that they are very good resources and have potential.

Powell admits that the buildings' external appearance does not help their cause, but cites the nearby National Theatre as an example of Bank board - everyone seems to be how cleaning and lighting a Sixties

He argues that there is a need for were built without any attention "controlled change" in developing the South Bank, but accepts that cafés, restaurants and even a multiplex cinema are important for bringing in more people. Unlike others on the South Bank team, Frank Duffy is more cautious about the Sixties huildings, saying that he would "not exclude the possibility" of demolition. He compares them to the Pyramids - big on the outside but with not much space inside. They

being paid to the artistic programme, he adds.

As an arts resource, the South Bank is probably unique in the number of different agencies it is saddled with pleasing, each with conflicting interests. The Arts Council, English Heritage, Lambeth Council, the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Arts Council Lottery Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport all have

a say in what goes on there. Couple this with a national tendency to question the value of spending vast sums of money on culture, an institutionalised resistance to change and two failed attempts, and the full nature of the problem facing the bid

to modernise becomes apparent. Duffy contends that the new project is exciting: "We are dealing with the higgest arts complex in the world; the next higgest is the Lincoln Center in New York, and that is half

the size." Simon Smithson, who was project architect for the Rogers scheme, agrees that it is a "fantastic site and a fantastic project". His words hide huge disappointment and frustration about last year's failure. not to mention four years' work that came to nothing. "My advice to any architects is to helieve that something can happen; doing nothing is not an option. Elliot [Bernerd] is an extremely persuasive person - if anyone can do it, he can."

Green vision where once the car was king

On the site of an historic automobile factory, Paris is planning a virtually car-free re-development. By Claire Soares

first car in a workshop on the lle Seguin, west of Paris. A hundred and one years later the island, the last undeveloped site in Greater Paris, is to be a virtually car-free zone.

The historic Renault factory. the driving force and the symbol of French industry for much of this century, is to make way for this new, "green" urbanisation. The factory was often thought of as an indicator of the health of French Industry. When Billancourt comes down with a cold, all France coughs" the saying went. As the largest factory close to central Paris, its employees played a pivotal role in the May 1968 uprisings. Jean aul Sartre even addressed a meeting at the

factory gates. The land is an architect's dream in terms of location, size and opportunity. It covers 70 hectares (approximately the size of the Ile de la Cité in central Paris) and all its existing buildings, once the cutting edge of the European car industry.

are due to be demolished. Bruno Fortier, 48, is the architect who won the threehorse race to redesign the new island, and areas of land on the river banks on either side, at goes underground. All car Meudon and Boulogne-Billancourt. The factory, closed since 19.1 now looks forlorn, "a huge empty carcass" in Fortier's words. It will be knocked down to make way for small clusters of offices and residential build-

ngs among green parks. Fortier, whose other proects include developing Nantes

IN 1898 Louis Renault built his town centre and the area around the TGV train station in Marseilles, was the preferred candidate of Jean-Pierre Fourcade, mayor of Boulogne-Billancourt, and when the three plans were put to a local referendum his came top of the poll with 57 per cent of the votes.

Talking to The Independent Fortier explained the appeal of his design. "I have tried not to devote everything to buildings and construction, but, on the contrary, to create a breathingspace by freeing the banks from traffic and creating numerous green spaces." "The presence of cars along

the banks of the Seine in the centre of Paris is hellish. What I wanted to do was to divert the traffic into the built-up areas and liberate the banks, as the Boulevard St Germain does in the sixth arrondissement." So on the Boulogne-Billancourt bank Fortier has ensured that traffic passes through the centre of the town, and has created a pedestrian walkway alongside the river.

On the island itself, the architect has "kept vehicles to a minimum". The north side has a small road at ground level but on the south side traffic parks will be situated beneath the buildings. The outer periphery is a green trail reserved for pedestrians and cyclists.

Fortier concedes that "it will take great determination to ensure that these plans are executed. The features that have attracted people, are the very ones that frighten them. They



Above: The Renault factory on the ile Seguin, once the epitome of French industrial success. Below: an impression of the island development



like the idea of having tranquil footpaths alongside the river but they worry about the traffic and the noise from the diverted roads through the town".

In this respect Fortier's project is original, in that the park runs parallel to the Seine. "There is a habit in Paris to build parks perpendicular to the Seine, such as the Champs de The residents of Boulogne-Billancourt will have a new Mars near the Eiffel Tower, park by way of compensation. hut I decided to opt for a par-

signed are in harmony with the island. The clusters are not in a straight line, but curve as the island curves. None of the dwellings is more than six

allel park that mirrors the mag-

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explained: "Fortier's project

puts too much emphasis on the

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storeys high, in keeping with a government directive. Fortier, however, is a little critical of this constraint. "It stems from the catastrophe of the Sixties when too many skyrises were built. But there can be an adverse tendency to build dense blocks of three-storey buildings that look just as crap.

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Whatever their eventual use

heights provide interest." The four "gardens" between the buildings are further proof that Fortier's project has been put together with the pedestrian in mind. "I would like those who walk around the ile Seguin in 2015 to appreciate it ... and hope that the area be-

comes truly memorable". However, there are still ohstacles to be overcome: the old factory site must be cleaned, a new bridge is to be huilt, and Fortier must battle to retain what he regards as the key features of his proposal.

the latter is dependent on jobs." And money. At a time when Fortier counters this by saythe state is trying to redress the imbalance within Paris, it will ing that it has not yet been decided what will go into the new be difficult for a site located in buildings, so the number of the already rich west to procure jobs to be created is unknown. funds, when projects in the There has been talk of the ispoorer northern and eastern land being used as the Olympic areas of the city are a priority.



The one that got away

John Neville could have been up there with Sir Ian and Dame Judi as a Great British Thesp. But instead he ended up in Canada, and in The X-Files. Does he have any regrets about the past? By Daniel Rosenthal

ing-class London boy who became one of the great idols of postwar British theatre. No, he's not, he's one of Canada's most renillions of TV viewers as Wellfanicured Man from The X-Files? In fact, he's all three. And for this veek only be has a fourth label: rstwhile local hero eojoying a entimental return to Nottingham. leville has flown in from his home n Toronto to give three performnces of Krapp's Last Tape, part of he 50th-anniversary season st Notingham Playhouse, the theatre thich he ran, with great success and

atisfaction, from 1963 to 1968.

In jeans and black X-Files jacket, leville looks a good leal younger than his 3 years. It's an age at thich he might be orgiven for shirking isky challenges, uch as having to old an 800- strong udience singleanded as Krapp, the lderly Beckett hero eflecting on a life neasured out in tape pools. So why do it? It's partly because I ranted to be involved 1 the anniversary e says, "and partly

'Filming "Baron Münchausen" was six very tough months' ecause of the won-

erful writing, so thick and deep. "But I'm in a paradoxical situaion. A year ago in Toronto I did Frian Friel's Molly Sweeney, which ; all monologues. You sit there with he other actors, waiting for your ue, and then you're on for four ages. Right throughout the run I ever stopped being scared, and I aid Tm never doing that again'. But ow here I am in something even

Like Krapp's memories, Neville's elings on revisiting Nottingham fter 30 years are tinged with sadess at how things change. "I can arely recognise the city. My eloved Pringle's Picture Palace, ne cinema which was the Playouse's first home and in which I layed Macbeth, is now a Firkin pub. hat was a terrible shock.

"Theatre in England has changed o much, too. I'm a Canadian citieo now and it's not for me to critermanent company at the Playouse, in repertory, and it's a great hame that that approach has isappeared - though I'm glad it's sturning at the National. Too many oung actors in Britain are just aiting by the telephone for a puny

ole in mediocre television." His decision to take over as Playouse director in 1963 caused a

ohn Neville is the work- that greeted the recent temporary defection of Ian McKellen (ironically a Neville protege) from London to Leeds. Back then, actors could be superstars without doing film or television and Neville, who rejected ourceful artistic directors. Wait a a seven-year Hollywood contract to noment, isn't he that guy known to dedicate himself to Shakespeare, was among the most famous. He and his great friend Richard Burton were the twin heart-throbs of the Old Vic company in the Fifties.

> "We were idols," Neville says matter-of-factly, "and after shows would each have our own set of fans stretching down the Waterloo Road." When he cut short a triumphant West End run in the original production of Alfie and declared that he was heading for the Midlands "to get away from the pernicious ides that only the best should be in London", the press said

he was crazy. He not only played leading roles there (including Willy Loman in Death of a Sales-man) he also directed Robert Ryan as Othello and the young Judi Dench

as Saint Joan. He speaks with equal pride of the Saturday morning youth club he started so as to build munity links: "We

had 17-year-old miners playing trolls in scenes from Peer Gynt." His childhood was spent in Willesden, north London, where his father was a motor mechanic and lorry driver. "We were quite poor and very, very working-class.

He was about to eoter Rada in 1942 when his call-up papers arrived. For the remainder of the war he was a Royal Navy signalman, serving on battleships during the Normandy landings while simultaneously "training myself to lose my cockney accent, so that I could go home and do the classics".

At Rada, after he was demobbed, his accent was replaced by patrician vowels, but his father's values remained. "He always said You don't buy anything, son, unless you've got the coppers in your pocket'." That governed his attitude to running theatres and helped him to ease a \$4.5m (£2.8m) deficit at Stratford Onian theatres of which he was artistic

director between 1973 and 1989. He had decided to emigrate because he found the "can-do" mentality in the country's theatres "wildly exciting". He detects that same spirit in the studeots he directs in Toronto. They, of course, know him primarily through The X-Files, and rib him about the Well-



John Neville: 'As I get older, the standards I set myself don't get lower, they get higher'

shady committee that is in league earned him his finest reviews. with the aliens.

"I was originally meant to be in just two episodes, but the character was regularly brought back, because the audience simply doesn't know if he stands for good or evil." It's a mark of his professionalism that he can invest a line from The X-Files movie like "We are nothing hut digestives for the creation of a new race of alien life forms" with as much gravitas as he would a solil-Manicured Man's role as part of the oquy from Richard II, the play that

Seeing him acting opposite David Duchovny, or in a recent TV showing of The Adventures of Baron Münchausen - "six very tough months" - sets you thinking what might have happened if he'd stayed in Britain. Dench and McKellen have become Sir Ian and Dame Judi. Would he have become Sir John, ranked alongside Paul Scofield as one of our greatest theatre veterans?

knighthood, but who knows? I have people don't want to do," he says,

no regrets." ment. "Krapp may well be my last stage appearance. As I get older, the standards I set myself get higher and I fall further short of them than I ever dreamed. I hate that, Acting's been my life. I've been successful and, at times, good at it, but now I'd sooner put my energy into directing."

There are plenty of plays he wants to stage. "Plays like The "People have said that about the Revenger's Tragedy that a lot of Doug Marke/Page One

enthusiastically. "I'm not a career things to say about them and because one is supposed to stage things not to guarantee good boxoffice but to challenge the audience. I won't give up until I drop."

'Krapp's Last Tape' is at Nottingham Playhouse (0115-941 9419) from 11 to 13 March: The X-Files' movie is available to buy on video from 29 March

Iceland

POP GUS GUS

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SINCE THE umpteen-piece Icelandic pop-group-cum-artinstallation Gus Gus broke cover a couple of years ago, the only area in which they have displayed any consistency has been their insistence on wildly inaccurate album titles. Their 1997 debut was called Polydistortion, but was a collection of songs as clean, sleek and modern as cruise missiles; the imminent, and terrific, follow-up, This Is Normal, is every bit as ordinary and commonplace as a rhinoceros oo a skateboard.

Unpredictability is not always a good thing, especially when what you were doing was already different. When they headlined this venue on their last visit to London, they heavily emphasised the visual component of their work, at times shrouding the band's members almost to the point of invisibility. Tonight, in a performance based largely around the new album, the films on the backdrop remain, hut Gus Gus are for the most part brightly lit and, by their previous aloof standards, surprisingly animated.

Gus Gus's records, much like those of Massive Attack, are best thought of as dance music you're not really supposed to dance to. Oo This Is Normal Gus Gus use the beats and hieeps of the techno palette to create atmospheres of a subtlety and depth that are at odds with the usual emotional

worthlessness of the genre. Strange, then, that the singers Daniel Agust and Hafdis Huld have picked this moment to forsake the severe black garb and diffident cool that have hitherto heen their standard, for colourful sttire, immovable smiles and an awful lot of jumping up and down and waving their hands in the air.

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Sometimes, it seems appropriate – the new single "Ladyshave", is an irresistibly funky pop moment and features unabashed use of that definitive Eighties relic, the shoulder slung keyboard. Another of the new songs is interrupted by a robotic rap appropriated from Abba's "On and On and On" - which, again, is not the time or the place for imperious arty remove, and Gus Gus should certainly continue to explore this more frivolous side, especially if it's going to produce more singles like "Ladyshave".

Tonight, unfortunately, they the show degenerates into a slew of long, beat-heavy tracks barely distinguishable from each other, and the stage begins to look like an aerobics class.

Gus Gus have it in them to be one of the best reasons for turning up for the new decade, but a balance needs to be located between grave and rave.

ANDREW MUELLER

Give it a little more fizz, lads

FONLY the excesses for which Kula such as "Hey Dude" has heeo brohaker have had their career derailed ere even half-true. They've been alled misogynists, even Nazianticised India, ill-advisedly offerig to reclaim the swastika - and ther crimes. But before that he'd ilked of spiritual revolution, of onriate to Hayley Mills's son, he semed really to want to change the orld. That he hasn't, and that the romise of blistering early singles

ken too, is truly sad. Kula Shaker are so much less than they should be. The evidence is in every other

bsessed, since the singer/lyricist lyric in this week of pre-tour shows rispian Mills opened his mouth at the tiny 100 Club, one-time home oce too often about his beloved, ro- to hippies. Mills offers wispy prevarications, useless incitements: "Something's on my mind, but I don't want to talk about it" is typical of the patchy new album Peasants, Pigs ishing millennial crisis. Io the and Astronauts. Perhaps it indicates atchouli aristocracy tones appro- a wavering of the revolutionary party line under media pressure. At any rate, in a spiritually apathetic age it's hardly s call to arms. And there's less excuse for the band's

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KULA SHAKER 100 CLUB LONDON

musical refusal to progress. Too often, these dates seem not a winningly democratic gesture hy a million-selling rock act, but their appropriate level, as reincarnations of a band second on the bill to the Small Faces, circa 1968.

There's no excitement, no sense of sweaty connection, as you'd get with bands with true devotees in this

setting. Instead, Mills leads his men Guns" Indian chords shows that varto polite interest, with his own lack iety won't be eocouraged. of charisma, as he lets his blond hair flop over his face, all too apparent. He speaks in an accent somewhere between Suggs and some ironic Mr. Showbiz, even when he's saying things he must believe: that 108 "is the secret number of love". Sometimes be holds his arms out, as if offering wisdom, or an embrace. But mostly, he's one of the boys. His band emphasise organ riffs, proving they're mods at heart. "Sound of almost believe in them anew. But the Drums" adds laser hlasts, updating crowd is already evaporating. No one their sound to 1976, but the crowd's chatter over "Mystical Machine

And yet, there are regular reminders why we're still here at all, why Kula Shaker haven't already been dumped in the post-Britpop bargain bin. As the guitars chop into "Hey Dude" and "Hush", memories of their early magic creep back. When the overture to a new age, the song "Hosannah", offers its tentative message over a gentle strum, escalating to an epic chorus, you can wants an encore, not today.

NICK HASTED Crispian Mills: one of the boys



John Gunion

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Today On this day in 1988 scriptwriters of US soap operas went on strike, holding a gun to the heads of Dallas, Dynasty and other series. The bad news is that they went back to work.

Tomorrow In 1932, Pu Yi, the real life hero of the glossy movie The Last Emperor, was installed as provincial dictator of second division puppet state Manchukuo. A relegatioo for an Emperor who had sat on the Chinese throne aged two.

Wednesday High Tor, starring Bing Crosby and Julie Andrews. the first full-length feature film made for TV, was networked in the US in 1956.

Thursday After the death of her companioo Lytton Strachey. the artist Dora Carrington died in 1932 from self-inflicted



The Last Emperor'

gunshot wounds, not knowing that she would be reincarnated as Emma Thompson in the excellent Carrington scripted by Christopher Hampton.

Friday Mervyn Peake's only stage play, The Wito to Woo. went down like dry rot in Gormenghast Castle. Fortunately he did not give up his day joh of writing the Titus Groan novel trilogy, later

dramatised on Radio 4 with Sting as chief villain.

Saturday Showing at s Paris music hall in 1894, Yvette Goes to Bed was the title of the first striptease on stage; subsequent artistic turns showed a young lady undressing for the doctor, for the bath, to keep cool and to uncover a flea about her person.

Sunday 14-year-old William Betty played the part of Hamlet so wonderfully that the Commons adjourned to allow honourable members to watch the performance, although the precocious prince was later hissed off the stage. Back in 1885, the words "Gilbert and" were followed not by "George" but by "Sullivan"; The Mikado had its first night at the Savoy Theatre.

JONATHAN SALE

The return of the king

VERDI TOOK 30-plus curtain calls st the 1847 Florence première of Macbeth. It's easy to see why. Events cascade with lightning speed. Macbeth and his lady understand each other instinctively. They evince few qualms. Carnage flows as night follows day: "What's done is done." Later, as the pace eases, the psychology intensifies, climaxing in the magnificent sleepwalking scene and Macbeth's soured realisation that what awaits him is revilement and oblivioo. It is the exiles, lamenting their "wretched country" who will restore the light.

Literally so, for in Rohert Chevara's production for English touring Opera - oow celebrating its 20th season of imaginative, quality productions in medium-size venues - a brooding backdrop yields to a spalike view of the Scottish mountains. as if to exorcise a nightmare. And so,

OPERA MACBETH ARTS THEATRE CAMBRIDGE

indeed, it does. Throughout Act II, Anthony Marber's lean-visaged Macbeth grows in stature - first in a lucid, gripping husband-wife ex-change of recitative, and later in the graphic Banquet scene, where Banquo's Commendatore-like ghost go-rily makes to embrace his killer. Soon he is curied in the Witches' embrace as, to Verdi's marvellously mocking low woodwind, Marber observes (through the audience) the parade of Banquo's descendants.

We know one of them: Fleance. His framing, backstage, is one of several moments when a spikily lit rear entrance is capitalised on to striking effect: that way lies Duncan's

Banquo's spectre: and from here Sarah Rhodes's icy Lady Macbeth sidles for her awesome first aria ("Join me, husband") and shivering cabaletta ("Ye furies of darkness"). Andrew Porter's translation con-

tinually serves the production well. This Macbeth awed much not just to Chevara's keen eye for grouping, but to Dinah Collin's costuming and shrewd shadow-lighting from the inspired Giuseppe di Iorio. Curiously, less so in a slightly disparate Act I: the witches' scene lacked punch, and some greens and reds seemed faintly hack.

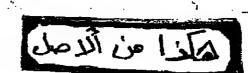
But things soon lifted Banquo (Henry Waddington) was s dominating bass presence: notably his Act Il aria ("See where the mooo"), with beguiling murderers' chorus preceding. Rhodes's Lady Macheth, whose "This day" aria was the high-

chamber; it is filled, ghoulishly, by point of Act I, delivered a hreathtaking sleepwalk aria. Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts brought superb voice and focused acting and pathos to Macduff. There were attractive vignettes from Eldrydd Cynan-Jones (Ladyin-Waiting) and Justin Miles Olden (Malcolm). Di Iorio's artfully varied lighting and Chevara's gift for compact blocking (witches, murderers, and skilful Act I and II finales), at

their best, held one mesmerised. The ensemble soared to some massive Verdian climaxes, and the orchestra, from strings to snicker ing flute to a blazing hrass, repeatedly delivered for the music director, ! Andrew Greenwood. This Macbeth is almost ripe; once matured, it could be superb.

RODERIC DUNNETT

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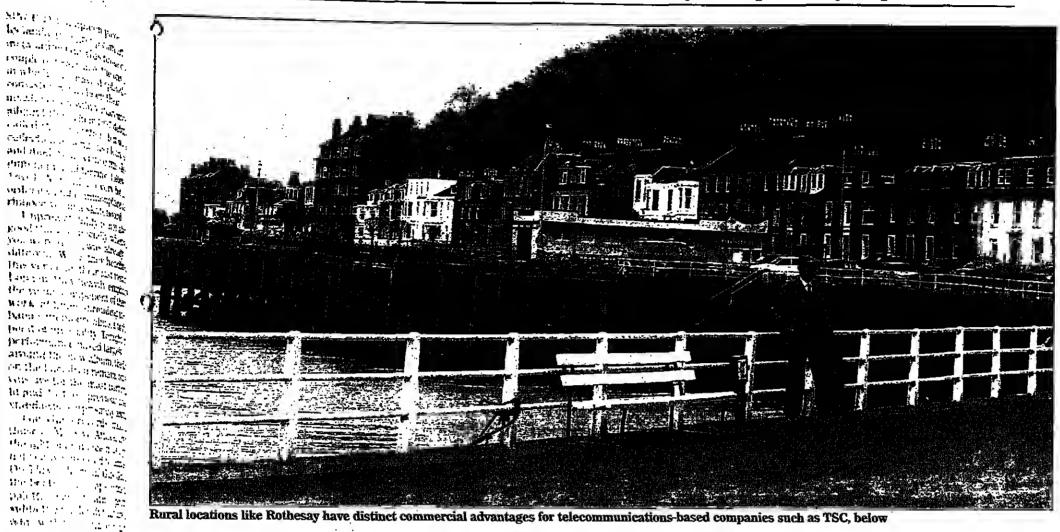
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NETWORK

Look at the picture below. What do you see? A sleepy Scottish seaside resort? Or a nerve centre of the world's new communications network? You may be surprised. By Stephen McLaren



Dictating the economy

ust to prove that the network economy's prime mantra is "Distance? What distance?", nurses in New York are now able to carry out home visits and produce health re-Scotland's Isle of Bute. A Rothesay-based callcentre company, TSC, has been employed by the speech-recognition experts Speech Machines to ensure that what comes in via the Big Apple leaves via the west coast of Scotland with every Brooklyn-accented diagnosis intact and correct.

Though nursing is being targeted with a specially configured set-up, the service, which is known as Cybertranscriber is available to anyone wbo likes the idea of dictatring work notes remotely. To date it bas appealed most to American professionals, who spend a lot of time on the road and are only too willing to dictate the outcome of their meetings into their mobile phone.

Once the dictation call has taken place, the voice message is encrypted and sent to Speech Machines' offices in Great Malvern, Hereford & Worcester, where some nifty software begins the transcribing. The document then makes its way to the staff in Rothesay, who proof-read and format the document before e-mailing it overnight across the Atlantic to the client.

Although involving only a fraction of its 250person workforce, TSC's new American business exemplifies why this kind of rural communications company is well-placed to flourish in the network economy. Ever-lower communication charges on cellular and longdistance phone networks, as well as the Internet, enable call-centre companies such as TSC to profit from locating themselves in outof the way places where communications are cheap. Nurses don't care if their e-mail has a transcontinental luggage-tag attached, as long as the report is accurately transcribed.

INTEL IS working with

providers as part of its Web

Outfitter project to build

websites that are not only

Pentium III processors, but

Australia's Fairfax IT News.

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mainland, Bute is interwoven into British telecommunications via a vastly underused digital network. "We've been told that we have the communications equivalent of a four-lane ports via "virtual secretaries" on motorway coming on to the island, which is only being used as a donkey track," says Charlie Sweeney, IT manager for TSC.

This means that TSC can run hundreds of phone and data lines into its building in Rothesay and use them at no significantly higher cost than if it were central London. Chances are that, if you've applied for a student loan or a fashion-store debit card in recent months, or bought a mobile phone, you've spoken to TSC's phone-and-computer brigade. You may have thought the accent quaint, but you probably didn't realise that your query was being dealt with by a person 700 miles away, who was hooked up to a farm of

Rural towns offer other advantages to call-centre firms. Typically there's a pool of

"We have many members of the same family working here," says the account manag-er, Eric Niven, as he shows me around the cavernous but buzzing main calling-room. "Often they pass in the night. Sometimes a wife leaving for the evening will pass her husband going on a night shift."

As is the case at most call centres the wages are fairly meagre, every second of the working day has to be accounted for, and stern-faced team leaders occasionally lurk behind operators and listen in to their conversation to deter any deviation from the script. But TSC claim that call-centre companies like their own have no intention of becoming the sweatshops of the future.

better educated and skilled than city types. In

its four years of existence, TSC has grown to

become the biggest employer on Bute.

"We have intensive training and internal promotion for the staff and, even though we



Although a 50-minute ferry ride from the under-employed labour, so wages are quite low are on an island, we've every intention of payainland, Bute is interwoven into British and the people available for hire are usually ing a fair rate for the job." Niven says. ing a fair rate for the job," Niven says.

For a company only four years old that is already turning over £4m a year, the fact that wage rates in UK call centres are below those in the US and other countries has led to swift growth, and international clients being competitively targeted. However, in recognition that this advantage could disappear overnight as other well-connected nations and regions with telephone-friendly labour enter the industry, TSC is determined to stay one step ahead by investing in new technology.

"Leased lines and Internet data transfer are clearly the way forward for us," says Charbe Sweeney. "That's much cheaper than ISDN for sending large amounts of data back to our clients' mainframes."

As well as moving much of their data traffic on to the Internet, TSC's IT division is looking at the next generation of Web-based customer feedback. TSC believes that as ecommerce blooms, so customers will inevitably want feedback as they navigate their way round a company's website.

In this scenario, a well-organised Web interface should allow customers to have all their queries answered. However, there will be times when a buman voice with practical information will be required to expedite the process. When such a problem arises, an operator will intervene to guide the user through the online process, without the Web-link going down. As Internet telephony matures, all this could take place simultaneously over the Web.

This kind of technology promises longerterm rewards for rurally based communications companies such as TSC. As telephony moves on to the Net, so the communication costs of running such operations decreases still further. Devising these future interfaces will be a key element in the future profitability of call-centre firms.

Death to the cookie monster

OVER THE past few months, my inbox has been suspiciously overflowing with an increasing amount of junk e-mail. Most missives rank from hizarre (Spreadsheet Alert, Jehovah Visions or Ohio Flying University Newsletter), to mildly useful, such as Victoria's Secret daily bargains, I understand where this "spam" comes from, and generally avoid any sites that ask me for my e-mail address.

However, I suspected some-thing fishy was going on last week when an innocent-looking e-mail proved to be advertising for the latest pyramid-selling scam in Florida. I get more than 80 e-mails per day, and I have no time for spurious junk e-mail, particularly the type that comes from the US getrich-quick school of marketing. So I decided to find out how they got hold of my address. After some digging, I discov-

ered something rather sinister, Some time ago I downloaded Netscape 4.5, and it transpires that my in-box overload is caused by Netscape implementing "cookies" badly on that particular version. Cookies are tiny files that get planted on your PC's hard disk by a website that you visit, and which send details of your surfing behaviour back to the site's owner, These nuggets of information can trigger specific messages to be sent to your in-box or, more often, show you a personalised banner ad next time you are on that site. In principle, cookles are not harmful, If the site owner knows my tastes and can sbow me information that is relevant, that's a good thing, and I consider those to be Good Cookies.

However, the bug in Netscape's cookie implementation system has given access to my cookies not only to the websites with which I've registered, but also to a wbole hunch of sites that I only browsed. The problem is that the hug allows cookles to be shared between unrelated site-owners. So if you give your e-mall address to, say, Amazon.com, the cookie will store it and allow other sites to sniff it out and use it for their junk e-mail. Soon you'll be getting lots of "personalised" alerts about their latest discounts on take gold earrings in the shape of Ivana Trump's bottom. Another bug in Netscape affects

non-US domains, allowing cookies to be shared among sites with the same domain structure as long as it bas two dots teg a domain composed of three words, such as independent.co.uk, could access cookies set up by guardian.co.uk). The problem not only creates privacy issues for the user, leading to abuse of cookie information among competing sites, but also potentially means a lot of wasted handwidth. The cookie sends information to the site owner every time you visit that site. If the cookie thinks that every site ending in .co.uk is your cookie-owner, then it will be sending information every time you access any site with co.uk in its domain. Since you as a user are paying for this, then the cookie bug may cost you money, not just hassle.

One solution to the cookie c. isis is to set up your browser to reject cookies. However, you will be robbing yourself of the pleasure of shopping bargains, as most e-com-



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A glitch in your browser may be laying you open to unwelcome visitors

merce sites use cookies to implement their online shopping baskets. And if you switch off the cookies, forget about reading the trendy leftwing views and news from Guardian Unlimited, as its sites utilise mandatory cookies, Independent Online, however, will still let you in if you set your browser to refuse cookics.

So how do you kill the bad cookies and keep the good ones? There are a number of options. I have switched to Internet Explorer, as there is a tool for Windows 98 (cookies.vbs) which claims to help you manage your cookies in an intelligent manner, Bad cookies are killed, while good cookies are simply copied to a Save directory. This little "cookie-cutter" cleans up your hard drive and allows you to prevent ahuses. You will need Windows Scripting Host (available from www.microsoft.com) and then you will be able to get cookies.vbs from the PC Magazine archives on www.zdnet.com

Be warned, though, that the task of cleaning up your cookies will be quite time-consuming, as the average surfer or online bargain hunter gathers up to 200 cookies per quarter. I have found more than 180 of the little monsters lurking on my hard drive and it took me almost half of a day to sort out the bad and the good ones.

Another way of dealing with cookies is to install a more intelligent browser Some browsers have even added more control over the cookie monster and let you make decisions as you go. One example is a German production (download It from www.icab.de/iCab_US.sit); lCab not only has a built-in cookie manager, but it is in fact a pretty good browser, with the plus of being small in size (using around 3Mb of Ram), unlike IE (the latest version is simply gigantic) or the latest version of Netscape. For more info on cookies, check

out www.cookiecentral.com. But remember, cookies are safe if they are well-implemented. It is only cock-ups that lead to problems, and these can be controlled at your end. New legislation banning marketeers from exploiting sloppy practices by the browser community would not go amiss, but there always will be foul-ups on the browser end as they are getting too hig and unruly to exercise any degree of control over product quality.

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consumers are choosing to disable the feature that allows them to be tracked acress the Net, Angelo Lo Certo, Intel's advertising and Internet marketing manager for Asia Pacific, says that in the meantime the websites will "interrogate the processor" and route the machine to appropriate pages. "There is no information transaction," he adds. "The CPU ID is simply a reporting-back feature, not

one of actively sending information. The basic premiss is that if you have a Pentium III-based PC your Internet experience will be greatly enhanced." The Web Outfitter

Scheme is described as an

after-sales benefit for

Pentium III buyers. Intel is building a site of its own, linking to similarly Pentium III themed sites. "On our own site we're developing themes on various issues, like a magazine," Lo Certo says. "The type of websites we're working with then add to that theme. That means not just the traditional uses of the Internet for research and e-mail hut also lifestyleoriented material such as entertainment and learning." The sites are due to go live this month, but Intel would not identify its

THE ANTI-TRUST case against Microsoft may be in recess, but it is still centrestage in the industry. Last week it emerged that the Software and Information Industry Association, a



BYTES ANDY OLDFIELD

prominent trade group, has proposed the "death penalty" for Microsoft. In a secret 40-page report circulated among its board and Department of Justice (DOJ) lawyers, it said Microsoft should be broken up into companies selling different products or broken up into "Baby Bills", each with identical product lines. It did not recommend a plan for the hreak-up, saying that was for the court to decide. but it did conclude that structural reorganisation was the only way to prevent Microsoft from exerting monopoly power unfairly

DOJ representatives refused to comment on the document, but have said that if it wins the government will ask for a special bearing to decide Microsoft's fate, such as

requirements that it allows customers tools to control what is transmitted about other companies to sell them over the Net. versions of Windows they "It is almost impossible bave modified, or limiting the deals it can make with

computer manufacturers

and Internet companies.

PLAYSTATION II will be

of its 128-bit console last

designed by Toshiba and

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to use the Internet without being confronted with privacy-invading features which carry out all kinds of processing operations of personal data in a way that launched in spring 2000, hut is invisible to the data subjects," it said. Sony revealed some details

The recommendation specifically cited problems with web browsers and programming technologies such as Sun's Java and Microsoft's ActiveX. It also complained about "cookies" allowing websites to keep track of what a registered visitor does at a site. information often used for marketing. "The programs should be built in an easy way so people know how to turn them on or turn them off," says Alonso Blas, an official in the Dutch data protection authority.

Peter Fleischer, a NATIONAL OFFICIALS from Microsoft lawyer, said the the EU last week adopted a company was worried that recommendation that EU such interpretations would prevent consumers from privacy laws require hardware and software using personalised Internet manufacturers to give

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MY TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to the money-go-round

Merlyn Lowther, Chief Cashier of the Bank of England, on how cutting-edge technology keeps cash in our pockets

n the Bank of England, the piece of technology that I find most interesting is what we call the Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS). This is part of the UK High Value Payment System, which most people know as "Chap". The Chap system, initiated in the early Eighties, is used when you make a payment. However, it didn't have a facility for each payment to be settled immediately with the Bank of England. The money wouldn't move until the end of the day. And because the banks were settling between themselves, if anything happened each bank was exposed to the other for that amount of money.

Given the amounts that were going through, that was obviously unacceptable. The volume and value of transactions travelling through the Chap system every day is quite large. You are looking at 80,000 transactions, or over £150bn.

Introducing the RTGS eliminated the element of risk. It was a risk that could be avoided, and was therefore well worth a three-year project. Two things made RTGS possible. First, technology had moved on so that real-time payment settling had become a possibility. And the banks understood much better the nature of the risks they were taking.

I was leading the bank part of the project. The project itself took three years. from the initial go-ahead to completion. It was terrifically satisfying when the project went live. The operation of the RTGS is one of my responsibilities, but I don't have much to do with it day to day, other than to make sure everything is going smoothly, and to think about ways of development, and policy questions such as what other developments there may be, or any big issues the banks want to talk to us about.

Which hrings me to another reason why RTGS is so exciting. Since January, something called the Target system has been sending euro payments right across Europe. But because the Bank of England had introduced RTGS in 1996, it meant that RTGS could be immediately integrated with the UK part of the Target system. The technology we use with RTGS is also the basics of the Pan-European Target system. Although this didn't make setting up the Pan-European Target system less of a feat, the RTGS provided the right foundation, and so made the euro project easier.

There aren't many glitches. Unsurprisingly, we had to have an extensive period of testing before we introduced RTGS,



Merlyn Lowther: 'As with most systems that involve moving a lot of money, it is highly automated'

decessary gambles.

and that took up the best part of a year. The ment, we tested each bank separately, as There are staff in the bank looking after

well as all of them at once. When we went

As with most systems that involve mov-

says: "hang on a minute." the central system, and they check opercore within the Bank, and each of the banks live, it was remarkably smooth. That is the ations - for instance, they have to make Like most computer systems, it's not desperately photogenic. The main engine sure that certain functions that should be happening are happening, and see whether room is a highly secure area, and for moving money it needs to be done effithere are any error messages. Does a file obvious reasons we don't let people wan-ing a lot of money, we don't control the sys-tem with people; it is highly automated. processes occurring? You need people to

respond to anything when the computer

Nevertheless, this is the most impressive bank system development in recent years. These systems are very much at the heart of banking. After all, when you are ciently and without errors. And that is the

computer is only as good as its master

Computers have redefined the culture of our age, but they will always take second place to the ability of the human brain. By Rachelle Thackray

"digital age". Even if few of us know precisely what it means, we all associate it with the oft-breaking and ever-higher waves of modern technology from which, we enthusiastically imagine, will emerge a brave

new future. At the height of this age, technology will produce fruits of which the footsteps of R2D2. Are children redefine the identity and the culture we have only dreamt. The mundane decisions of life, together with believing that such inventions of the do not need to buy into a new philotedious chores such as manually turning on the television set, sending a letter through the post or heaving home a bag of groceries, will long now runs an investment firm, is deciding that we are computers."

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EVERYONE is familiar with the term hands by computers that anticipate assumption that computers, in their our every need.

Bank of England had developed the RTGS

needed to be a central project to make sure

that all the banks could communicate

Once we had done all our develop-

with a shared piece of software.

who fantasised in their school compositions about "What It Will Be Like their role will always be secondary in the Year 2000" are still waiting for to the human beings who designed the advent of personalised travel capsules and know-it-all robots which once seemed sure to follow in of the Nineties just as misguided in of the age. He writes: "We certainly mind are likely to become reality?

Charles Jonscher, who trained in electrical sciences at Cambridge and since have been taken out of our refreshingly sceptical of the And he adds: "The computer revo-

various incarnations, hold the keys Yet the children of the Seventies to richer life in the 21st century. In his new book, he insists instead that and created them.

also developed its own project. Plus there ... nature of the system; you don't take un-

A more interesting issue is the way that computers have helped to sophy of life, a sort of cyber-ontology in which the meaning of existence has been solved by

BOOK REVIEW

WIRED LIFE: WHO ARE WE IN THE DIGITAL AGE? BY CHARLES JONSCHER. BANTAM, £14.99

lution is a subplot in a higger revolution: the explosion of human knowledge in all its forms."

With his argument that humans, rather than technology, will always have the upper hand, Jonscher less evolved than a neuron, such as begins a fascinating unravelling of a paramecium, is such that it can delve through the scientific theories take gigabytes for wisdom".

where the "digital age" has sprung from, with all its limitations and possibilities. While lauding the technology which could now record every moment of a human life by means of a tiny hit of silicon implanted in the brain - the apocryphal "soul-catcher" chip - he points out that the human brain itself has 20 billion neurons, capable of 100 trillion connections (a single neuron can connect with 80,000 others). "Comparing a neuron to a single silicon switch?" he asks. "The

intelligence of a single-cell organism

navigate towards food and negotiate obstacles, recognise danger and retreat from it. How does your PC compare?"

There are some illuminating definitions here: knowledge, notes the author, is a state of being, while information, which comes from the root "to inform", is transitive, and to be used fleetingly.

Jonscher also levels the stun-gun at some sacred cows, such as the idea that artificial intelligence could evolve to take over the world in the manner described in Philip Kerr's thriller novel Gridiron. And after a

lying behind the evolution of IT. he goes on to trace its development. with its impact on and creation of multimedia and the Internet. economic progress and the "productivity paradox", and the technologies of tomorrow.

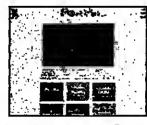
For anyone who has ever asked what the IT revolution is all about. and how it will affect them, this readable and authoritative account, with its occasional dashes of dry humour. will fill some of the gaps.

Best of all Jonscher never loses sight of his own argument. As be succinctly sums up: "We must not mis-

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http://www.cryptic.demon. co.uk/euro.html The Internet artist Chris Byrne suspects that the bland design prototypes for the new European banknotes may be "more for the convenience of global corporations than for citizens". So he is offering people the chance to create more interesting versions. The templates from the official EU site are supplied as a basis, and the resulting gallery of customised notes is displayed. These incorporate war movie posters, neo-Stalinist tributes to the New World Order. McDonald's and Coca-Cola signs and s warning that "one euro does not one love make". A more optimistic design tells us to smile at our fellow Europeans ("souriez aux voisins le matin"). The collection will be shown at a French art festival later this month. Byrne hopes to print the banknotes and use them to buy drinks at the bar.

http://www.itulip.com/ Another critique of economics can be found



here, in the form of a flowerpowered lecture on the dangers of the Internet investment boom. In 17thcentury Holland, fortunes were made and lost speculating on exotic tulip bulbs, with lessons, the site suggests, for the current overvaluing of shares in Net-related companies. In 1637, a single hulb was sold for more than £1m in today's money. Other awful precedents are traced in railway, radio and telegraph industries, all cases in which naive enthusiasm for new technology led to investors losing their shirts. A favourite cautionary tale concerns the British entrepreneur who in 1720 launched "a company for carrying on an undertaking of great advantage, hut no one to know what it is", and

reaped handsome rewards

before absconding. In the

end, it turns out that the webmeister here is director of (you guessed it) an Internet investment fund. "This may appear paradoxical," he concedes. There are also haiku on matters financial, and the chance to buy a totally worthless share certificate.

The Future Looms http://adac.artec.org.uk/fut urelooms/cells/HOME.

This meditation on clothweaving and computing also juxtaposes history and the modern digital world. A key figure seems to he Joseph-Marie Jacquard (1752-1834), who developed a system of perforated cards to control looms. The complex, multiauthored art site recently . won a prize at Berlin's Transmediale 99 festival, and compares the experience of 19th-century workers in Batley, West Yorkshire, with a computer age in which "both technology and gender might be thought of differently", hut often are not. Cloth-weaving is associated with storyweaving in an ambitious if

sometimes hard-to-read

interplay of texts and textiles. The piece incorporates the voices of Batley schoolchildren and displays some highly creative use of Shockwave.

PostPet http://www.sony.com.sg/ postpet In Japan, this "virtual

postman" software is claimed already to be a best-seller, hut Sony in Singapore is now testmarketing an English language release. A choice of appealing little cyberpets will not only deliver your emails but, it is claimed, also "learn" to write to you, reply to messages, and even fall in love or quarrel with other pets. This site introduces the available creatures and explains how users can relate to their newfound friends. So meet Mini-Rabbit Mippi, Mongrel Cat Furo, Tortoise Sumiko and Teddy Bear Momo, a dancing bear almost winsome enough to rival the

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Grateful Dead's version.

Focus on colourful ideas

LAST YEAR I looked at the tools of the trade for web designers, focusing on shareware and freeware applications to download and then run on your local machine (www.independ ent.co.uk/net/980224ne/story6.h tml). Now, let's take a look at resources to run on the web itself.

Choosing a colour scheme is one of the greatest challenges a web designer faces. Here are a few online tools to aid you.

WebMaster's Colour Lab www.visibone.com/colorlab/ Where to start when trying to define your colour palette? It helps to see how the colours work together Visibone's useful tool gives a well-organised colour wheel of all browser-safe colours. Clicking on one causes a swatch to appear in an adjacent frame. Click on more, and they appear next to it for comparison.

Color Center www.hidaho.com/colorcenter/

What will all those colours look like in context? Will the link colours stand out against the background or just get lost? The Color Center allows you to select link, text and background WEB DESIGN



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colours and see what they would look like in a web page.

Color Mix

www.colormix.com/ Tired of the same old 216 browser-safe colours? Color mix allows you to form up to 10 million different colours. It takes a small dot of each one and places them side by side. Your eye then hlends them together. This will not look as smooth as a solid colour, and some combinations look strange, hut it is a good way to add variety to your website.

graphics with sophisticated, vance that the CSS will work.

www.gifwizard.com/

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not to mention expensive, soft-

ware. But there is one site that

may go one step beyond this.

When creating HTML or Cascading Style Sheet code www. independent.co.uk/net/980407ne /story8.html, we have to worry not just about cross-browser compatibility hut also crossplatform and backward com-

is out there on the Web.

W3C's CSS1 Test Suite www.w3.org/Style/CSS/Test/ So how do you know what CSS capabilities your favourite browser supports? Run it through the test suite - especially useful if you are creating a site with CSS or Dynamic For the most part we handle HTML and need to know in ad-

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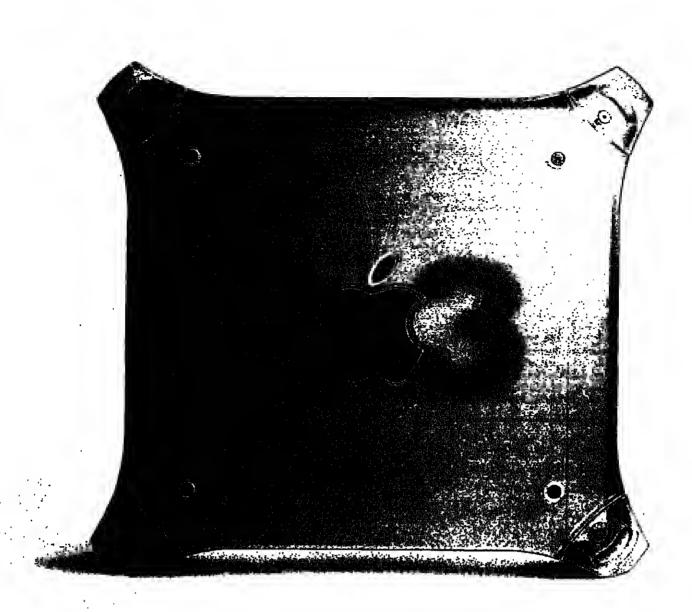
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One-stop shop for the professionals

Adobe's industry-standard design packages have made it the second largest software company in the world. By Stephen Pritchard

any design or publishing professional. and there is bound to be at least one piece of Adohe software. Adobe - creator of the Pagemaker desktop publishing package and the market-leading imaging software Photoshop - is synonymous with the design and print industries.

Adohe is the world's secondlargest desktop software company. after Microsoft, and its annual revenues are just short of \$1bn (£624m).

When Adobe was founded in 1982 hy Chuck Geschke and John Warnock, the idea of desktop publishing (DTP) was dismissed by all but the most forward-thinking designers. DTP is now a mainstream computer application for design professionals, and for office workers and home computer users too.

More powerful PCs, low-cost colour inkjet printers and cheap digital cameras have made digital photography a mass market application, but the Internet has had the

Digital cameras come into their snapshot to a relative. "When we acouired Photoshop, we would have been surprised if we had shipped a few hundred copies a quarter," Geschke recalls. "We did not appreciate how quickly digital photography and high-quality, low-cost inkjet printers would develop.

"We started our company focused around building the tools and technology for publishing, originally print publishing," he explains, "We

ook on the computer of husiness, hut the entire process of any design or pub- going from coocept to print has migrated to electronic.

We have had the good fortune to build a lot of the products that are part of that."

Since the Eighties, Adobe has diversified, most notably by acquiring Photoshop. The company has gone on to lead the market for photographic imaging software - 76 per cent of Weh designers use Photoshop, and 93 per cent of all photos on the Weh have been scanned, retouched, manipulated or compressed using the application. Adobe also produces software for weh

are on the pasteboard, so designers have to move them, work on them, and move them back. Adobe believes practical improvements like this, and the facility to have two different-sized views of a page open at once will appeal to the professionals who left Pagemaker for QuarkXpress.

Adobe needs InDesign to be successful - 1998 was a difficult year financially, especially because of the economic downturn in Asia. "It was not our hest-performing year," Geschke admits. "We would have had close to 15 per cent growth if page design, typography, corporate Japan had performed even as well

'When we acquired Photoshop, we would have been surprised if we had shipped more than a few hundred copies a quarter'

documentation and video editing. Pagemaker, its DTP application, has done less well recently. Adobe own on the Net, whether to capture bought Aldus, the company which images for a website, or to send a developed Pagemaker, in 1994. By then. Pagemaker was already losing ground to QuarkXpress. Today, Quark is the professional's DTP program of choice.

Geschke acknowledges the work Adobe has to do to win back market share from Quark. Last week, at the Seybold publishing conference in Boston, Adobe unveiled its response: InDesign, Adobe's philosophy is to create software that lets designers design, rather than putting artificial constraints on their ternet already accounts for a sig-

as in 1997. Japan has historically heen in excess of 20 per cent of our

InDesign is the first major new product Adobe has created in-house for some time. Much of the company's recent expansion came through acquisitions. The most recent purchase was GoLive!, publishers of the Cyberstudio Web design package. "You have to have a balanced portfolio of both acquisition and internal growth," says Geschke.

The GoLive! deal illustrates the importance Adobe is placing on the Internet. It plans to be a one-stop shop for Web page authors. The In-

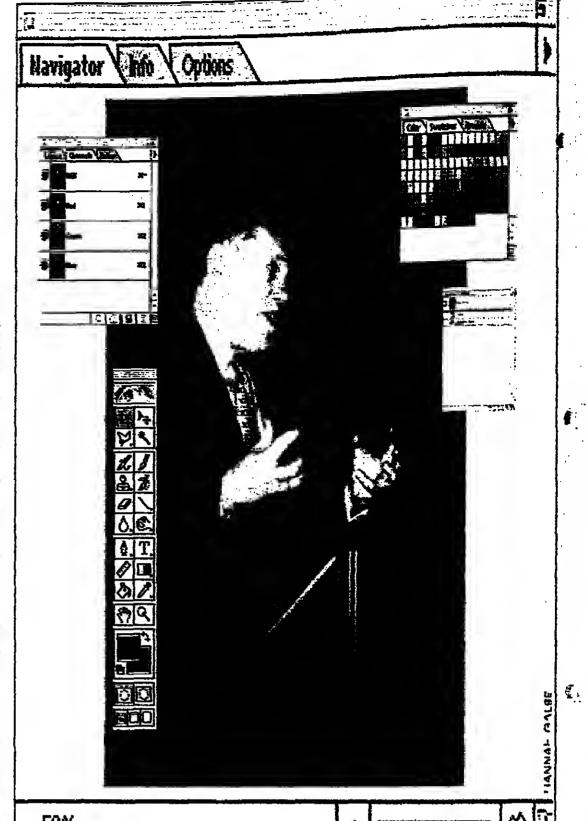
nificant proportion of Adobe's revenues. "I cannot calculate how much of our Photoshop revenue comes from the Web," Geschke says. "What I do know is that Adobe has made more profit off tools sold for creating content on the Web than any other software publisher."

Geschke believes that Web pages lag behind their printed counterparts, especially in quality. Publishers realise the advantages in distributing their material online: it is quicker and cheaper than print. But, as anyone who has tried to print out a Web page knows, the process is awkward and the result ugly.

Adobe is creating new standards for Web pages. The company developed PGML, (Precision Graphics Markup Language) or SVG, (Scaleable Vector Graphic), which is being adopted as an Internet standard. PGML, Geschke believes, will be to the Web what Postscript was to desktop publishing.

PGML uses vector graphics mathematical descriptions of images - to create compact files that automatically adjust their resolution for display or printing out. A PGML file should look as good on paper as on a computer screen.

For Geschke, PGML is the key to narrowing the gap hetween the reality of the Internet, and popular expectations, "In the mass market, the quality of what people look at on the Web will be judged in comparison with television. That is what people expect. It looks like a television set, so it should have the quality and imagery of a television set," he says. "What we're doing is bringing the Web up to the level of functionality and quality people expect."



The man in the picture: Chuck Geschke believes that Adobe must win back market share

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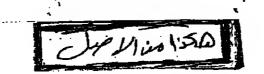
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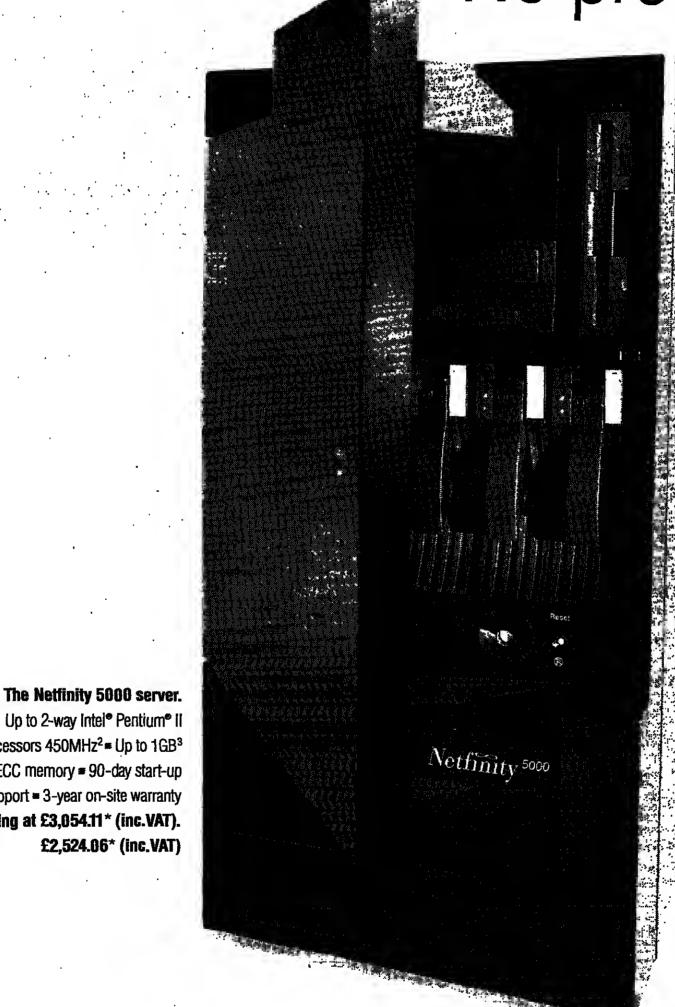
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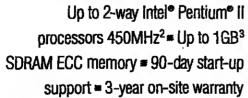
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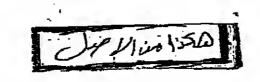
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Director: Jonathan Demme Starring: Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover If film lives in a boldly naturalistic plane, prose inhabits an altogether more oblique and shadowy realm. And so Jonathan Demme's adaptation of Toni Morrison's multi-layered Pulitzer Prizewinner was always going to make for an uneasy marriage; hopping shakily between upfront Repertory: National Film Theatre dramatics and mysticism. Oprah Winfrey stars as secaped slave struggling to cope with a visitation from a bewitched voodoo child (Thandie Newton) who may lor may not) be the ghost of her dead daughter. Still, there's much to admire in Beloved's three hours of muddle its fabulist take on black oppression, its gumbo of pungent human drama with overheated horrorflick shenanigans. Heartfelt acting and a vibrant visual sense paper over all manner of cracks. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village. And local cinemas

FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (151 Director: Thomas Vinterberg Starring: Ulrich Thomsen, Helge Moritzen See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House. Curzon Soho, Screen on Baker Street

KINI AND ADAMS (NC) Director: Idrissa Ouédraogo Starring: David Mohloki, Vusi Kuneni The first English-language offering from acclaimed Burkina Faso director Idrissa Ouédraogo, Kini and Adams looks to spotlight a career

in transition. This African odd-couple comedy turns its back on Ouedraogo's traditionally stark, folk-tale milieu, and ropes in two professional actors in David Mohloki and Vusi Kuneni's squabbling adventurers. But the director's soulful style is stymied by a script that is, at times, clankingly schematic and crudely drawn. The natural magic slowly seeps sway.

THE 39 STEPS (PG) Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Starring: Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll, Godfrey Tearle, Peggy Ashcroft, Lucie Mannheim Filmed back in 1935, The 39 Steps stands proud as the most polished pic of Hitchcock's early. British period (although The Lady Vanishes comes awfully close). Thereafter, he would light out for Hollywood and his films would become both more glossy and more morally oblique. The 39 Steps, by contrast, offers classic Boys' Own adventure, riffing off John Buchan's source novel to produce a gadabout spy yarn that hurls Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll's handcuffedtogether runaways into a Scotland that's bursting with oddball eccentrics. The film is as light and bracing as oxygen: all witty twists, throwaway lines and crisp observations as it builds towards a climactic crescendo at the London Palladium. Legend has it that Hitchcock insisted on handcuffing Donat to Carroll before filming began, just so they could get used to being together, and then ran off with the key. Tsk, those auteur directors. Never too highbrow for the odd playground prank. West End: Barbican Screen

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Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's superlative black comedy concerns the 60th birthday of a family patriarch who finds himself at the ceotre of dark secrets that unexpectedly emerge.

The Thin Red Line (15)

Terrence Malick returns to the screen after 8 20-year absence with a hugely ambitious film about the battle of Guadakanal. A war movie of a sort. though what that sort might be is uncertain.

Affliction (15)

Paul Schrader's bleak study in fatherhood and fatalism, adapted from Russell Banks's novel. stars Nick Nolte as a man struggling to escape the influence of his violeot dad (James Coburn).

Shakespeare in Love (15) This eojoyable romp suggests how romance fired Shakespeare with the creative inspiration for Romeo and Julies. Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow head a multi-star cast.

The Opposite of Sex (18) Christina Ricci (right) plays 16-year-old bitch-on-wheels Dedee, shooting from the lip and causing all kinds of havoc when she moves in with her mild-mannered half-brother (Martin Donovan).

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HIDEOUS KINKY (15) Through the backdrop of 1970s Morocco treads Kate Winslet's single-mum, her two daughters in tow. Winslet does well with a change-of-pace role and the child stars are startlingly good. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Odeon Swiss Cottage. Renoir, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Local: Well Hall Coronet

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

actresses Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson, the Du Pré sisters. West End: Curzon Soho Repertory: Phoenix Cinema. And local cinemas HOLY MAN (PG)

Jeff Goldblum plays Ricky, a scuzzball TV executive. Fearful for his job, Ricky uses spiritual wanderer G (Eddie Murphy) as a frontman on his shopping show and sales go through the roof. G, in turn, teaches Ricky a few soulful lessons. Parts of Holy Man are very firmly, but the film never quite finds the right tone. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (15) Essentially this is Shirley Valentine with an Afro-American spin, but Angela Bassett works hard to make an impression among the slide-show of tourist-brochure visuals. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

JACK FROST (PG) Michael Keaton stars as a self-obsessed blues-man

who dies and gets reincarnated as a snowman. F. mula family fun. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

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LITTLE VOICE (15)

Holed up in her bedroom, Jane Horrocks perfects Shirley Bassey/Judy Garland impersonations. Bracing black comedy, Horrocks' vocal pyrotechnics, plus 8 marvellously weighted turn from Michael Caine push Little Voice through to the final curtain. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road. Odeon Suriss Cottage. Odeon West End, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

LOYED (15)

Erin Dignam's Loved has been collecting dust on distributors' shelves for nearly two years, not because it's bad, but because it's so subtly unclassifiable. Robin Wright Penn plays an abused ex-girlfriend called upon by lawyer William Hurt to testify against her brutal former boyfriend. Loved paints troubled relationships for what they are; complex, charged and inextricably entwined. West End: ABC Piccadilly

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX 118) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

PENTED ANGELS (15) The angels are whores; the paint from the gloomier end of the palette. Jon Sanders' revisionist western revolves around a frontier brothel presided over by Brenda Fricker's no-nonsense madam. Earthy, naturalistic acting goes hand-in-hand with Gerald Packer's evocative visuals, though the resolutely downbeat handling makes it slow going at times. West End: Renoir

PERDITA DURANGO (18)

Alex De La Iglesia's quasi-sequel to Lynch's Wild at Heart is a strutting Tex-Mex caper, running on a kind of posturing wackiness. Rosie Pérez acquits herself well as the vixenish heroine who abducts a pair of all-American virgins, while Live Flesh's Javier Bardem glowers from beneath a comedy wig. It's camp, garish and annoyingly entertaining. West End: Metro, Odeon Camden Town

PRACTICAL MAGIC 112)

Essentially a sibling soap-opera with a dash of mumbo-jumbo, Practical Magic sees Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman cast as two mismatched sisters raised from a line of witches and hexing any unlucky man who swings into their orbit. West End: Warner Village West End

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The end result winds up as The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and His Technicolor Dreamcoat. West End: Empire Full-throttle playing from Oscar-nominated Leicester Square. And local cinemas

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THE THIN RED LINE (15)

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THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18)

A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, Ian Hart, Douglas Henshall et all weave through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. Although generally witty and well-observed, the film cranks what might have been a sublime one-hour teleplay into double its natural length. West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

TITANIC TOWN 15)

All aboard for Troubles-hit Belfast, circa 1972. The IRA and British forces are taking potshots at each other in the streets. Civilians are dying in the crossfire. To the rescue comes Julie Walters' concerned local mum, who lobbies for a ceasefire and finds herself caught between the opposing factions. For a film implicitly about rage and waste, it's a little low on dramatic comph. West End: ABC Swiss Centre. Local: Kilburn Tricycle Cinema

URBAN LEGEND (18)

Jamie Blanks' new stalk-and-slash romp clones Scream's tics, twists and in-jokes in much the same way that its campus killer mimics the crimes of popular myth. The result is a strangely bland and inconsequential bloodbath: fresh-faced teens meeting their grisly end in a drama as cold and schematic as a daytime talk show. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

YOU'VE GOT MAIL (PG)

Riffing off the template of her earlier Sleepless in Seattle, director Nora Ephron ushers her favourite pairing of Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan through a contrived romantic comedy that's zapped out of its old-fashioned rut by a shrewd Internet plot book. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road. Barbican Screen. Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

YOUR FRIENDS AND MEIGHBORS (18)

Another troubling X-ray of American mores from In the Company of Men director Neil LaBute, which looks like a carbon copy of the director's debut. West End: Metro. Virgin Haymarket. Local: Elephant & Castle Coronet

CINEMA WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET (0870-902 0404) & Piccadilly Circus Elizabeth 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm x (Pi) 1.30pm, 3.35pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Two Girls and a Guy 4pm, 8.45pm ABC PICCADILLY

(0171-287 4322 (from 1pm)) & Piccadilly Circus Buffalo 66 3.30pm, 8.15pm Hamarn: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 6pm Loved 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

(0870-902 0402) ← Leicester Square Affliction 1.10pm, 3,40pm, 8.30pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (0870-902 0414) & Tottenham Court Road A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm Little Voice 9pm Shakespeare in Love 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.25pm You've Got M@il 1pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm,

BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891) & Moorgate The 39 Steps (1935 Version) 3pm. 6.30pm. 8.40pm You've Got M@II 6pm. 8.40pm

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) O Sloane Square Festen 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323) & Clapham Common Festen 2.15pm, 4.30pm, Common Fester 2.15pm, 4.5opn, 6.50pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 4.15pm, 9.20pm The Thin Red Line 1.15pm, 4.45pm, 8.15pm This Year's Love 1.45pm, 6.40pm You've Got M@II 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) & Green Park La Vita è Bella 1pm, 3,30pm, 6pm. 8.40pm CURZON MINEMA

(0171-369 1723) Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge Elizabeth 3pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm CURZON SOHO

(0171-734 2255 [12noon-6pm]] O Leicester Square Festen 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Hillary and Jackle 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm La Vita è Bella 1pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 9pm EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE

(0990-888990) O Leicester Square Meet Joe Black 12noon, Square meet foe stack 12moon, 3.40pm, 7.20pm The Prince of Egypt 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.15pm Shakespeare in Love 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.45pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) & Notting Hill Gate The Thin Red Line 1.10pm. 4.30pm, 7.50pm METRO

(0171-734 1506) & Piccadilly Circus Perdita Durango 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 9.15pm Your Friends and Neighbors 2pm, 4.15pm.

NOTTING HILL CORONET (0171-727 6705) O Notting Hill Gate Shakespeare in 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm ODEON CAMDEN TOWN

(08705-050007) ← Camden Town Beloved 7.50pm A Bug's Life 11.55am, 2.15pm, 4.35pm Shakespeare in Love 12.15pm. 2.55pm, 5.40pm, 8.20pm The Thin Red Line 11.55am, 3.25pm, 7.50pm This Year's Love 12.55pm, 3.25pm, 6.05pm, 9pm You've Got M@il 12.25pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.25pm

ODEON HAYMARKET (08705-050007) → Piccadilly Circus Stepmom 12.35pm, 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.30pm

ODEON KENSINGTON

(08705-050007) + High Street Kensington Beloved 8.30pm A Bug's Life 12.45pm, 3.15pm. A Bug's Life 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5,45pm Shakespeare in Love 12.30pm, 3.25pm, 6.20pm, 9.15pm The Thin Red Line 1,25pm, 5.05pm, 8.45pm This Year's Love 1.40pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.40pm La Vita è Bella 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm You've Get M@il 12.45pm, 3.40pm, 6.35pm, 9.30pm

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Two Smoking Barrels 1.25pm, 3.5pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The Siege 1.15pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm There's Something About Mary 12.45pm, 3.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.20pm

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(0171-837 8402) ♥ Russell Square Affliction 1.35pm, 3.55pm. 6.20pm, 8.45pm Hideous Kinky 1.50pm, 6.35pm Painted Angels 4.10pm, 8.55pm

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SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) & Baker Street Festen 3.10pm, 6.35pm. 8.50pm You've Got M@il 3.35pm. 6.10pm, 8.40pm

SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) ← Angel The Thin Red Line 3pm, 7.30pm SCREEN ON THE HILL

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VIRGIN HAYMARKET Virgin HayMarket (0870-907 0712] • Piccadilly Circus La Vita e Bella 12,50pm, 3.20pm. 5.50pm. 8.25pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1,15pm, 3.45pm. 6.15pm. 8.40pm You've Got M@II 12,40pm. 3.15pm, 5.55pm, 8.45pm

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10870-907 0716) Piccadilly

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WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) ♣ Leicester Square Beloved 1.20pm, 4.50pm, 8.20pm A Bug's Life 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.25pm Bulworth 3.45pm, 8.50pm Holy-Man 1.10pm, 6.20pm The Opposite of Sex 12.50pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Practical Magic 1.30pm, 4.15pm, 6.55pm Urban Legend 11.55am, 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 6.50pm, 9.10pm Very Bad Things 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 9.05pm You've Got M@il 12noon, 1pm, 2.50pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.20pm, 9.35pm, WARNER VILLAGE WEST END

CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) O Park Royal Beloved 1.15pm, 4.45pm, 8.15pm A Bug's Life 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.25pm, A Bug's Life 2pril, 4.1 Spin, 6.2 Spin, 6.8 Spin Holy Man 3.20pm, 9.50pm How Stella Got Her Groove Back 12.40pm, 5.50pm Shakespeare in Love 1.10pm, 3.50pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm The Thin Red Line 1pm. 1.30pm, 4.25pm, 5.10pm, 7.50pm, 8.35pm This Year's Love 12.40pm. 5.50pm Urban Legend 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm You've Got M@ii 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.1Spm, 9pm

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BECKENHAM ABC |0870-902 0412| BR: Beckenham Junction A Bug's Life 12.15pm, 4.40pm, 6.50pm Little Voice 2.35pm, 9pm Shakespeare in Love 2pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm You've Got M@il 1.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.35pm

BEXLEYHEATH CINEWORLD |0181-303 1550| BR: Bexleyheath A Bug's Life 12noon. 1.15pm, 2.20pm, 3.30pm, 5.40pm, 7.50pm, 9.50pm Little Voice 2.15pm, 7pm Shakespeare In Love 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9.10pm Stepmom 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm The Thin Red Line 1.30pm, 4.30pm, 5.25pm, 7.55pm, 8.55pm This Year's Love 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 7.20pm, 9.40pm Urban Legend 12.45pm, 2.55pm, 5.10pm, 7.25pm, 9.45pm La Vita è Bella 4.30pm. 9.15pm You've Got M@il 12.25pm. 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Carford A Bug's Life 6pm This Year's Love 2,30pm, 8.30pm You've Got M@II 2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm CROYDON

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ie 3.15pm, 5.50pm. 8.25pm CROYDON SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon A Bug's Life 5.40pm Holy Man 5.30pm. 8.15pm Lai Baadshah 8pm Little

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EALING VIRGIN UXBRIDGE ROAD (0870-907 0719) 8R/& Ealing Broadway A Bug's Life 1.45pm, 3.55pm Shakespeare In Love 6.10pm, 8.50pm The Thin Red Line 1.10pm, 4.40pm, 8.15pm You've Got M@il 2.20pm, 5.40pm, 8.30pm

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ELEPHANT AND CASTLE CORONET (0171-703 4968) • Elephant & Castle A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm This Year's Love 4.05pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Your Friends and Neighbors 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 8.45pm

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GOLDERS GREEN ABC (0181-455 1724) + Golders Green You've Got M@il 2.45pm, 5.30pm, 8.15pm

GREENWICH GREENWICH CINEMA (0181-293 0101) BR: Greenwich Shakespeare in Love 7pm The Thin Red Line 4.30pm. 8pm This Year's Love 4.40pm, 9.20pm You've Got M@fl

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HAMPSTEAD ABC 10870-902 0413] & Belsce Park A Bug's Life 4pm, 6.20pm Shake-speare in Love 5.15pm, 8.15pm This Year's Love 1 25pm, 8.30pm You've Got M@II 2pm, 5.40pm, B 20pm

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5.30pm, 8.20pm KILBURN TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn Titanic Town 6.30pm, 8.45pm

KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS 10870-902 04091 8R: Kingsten A Bug's Life 5.35pm Shakespeare In Love 2.10pm. 5.25pm, 8.10pm This Year's Love 2.15pm, 8.20pm You've Got M@il 2.10pm, 5.30pm, 8.10pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON |08705-050007] @ Highgate A Bug's Life 2.15pm, 4 25pm, 6.30pm The Thin Red Line 1.10pm, 4.35pm, 7.50pm This Year's Love 8.45pm You've Got M@i12.30pm. 5.30pm. 8.30pm

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CINEMA REPERTORY

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GOETHE INSTITUTE Princes Gate SW7 (0171-411 3400) Faust (Pe ter Gorski Version) (NC) 7,30pm

ICA CINEMA The Mail, SW1)0171-930 3647) La Notte (18) 6.30pm rk (18) 7pm Red Deser)1S) 9.15pm Bicycleran (U) 9pm

Bank, SE1 (0171-928 3232) I Want You (18) 2.30pm London Town (My Heart Goes Crazy): The Archive Presents... (NC) 6 10pm Kini and Adams (NC) 6.30pm Full Speed-Racism and Homophobia in Urban France: Out-Takes (NC) 8.40pm The Exorcist (25th Anniversary Rere-

PHOENIX CINEMA High Road, N2 [0181-444 6789] Hilary and Jack-ie (15) 3pm. 6.10pm. 8.50pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place. WC2 (0171-437 8181] Sliding Doors (15) 1.30pm The Right Stuff (15) 3.45pm Antz (PG) 6.30pm Rush Hour (15) 9pm RIO CINEMA Kingsland High Street,

E8 (0171-254 6677) Closed RIVERSIDE STUDIOS CINEMA Crisp Road, W6)0171-420 0100) Blood of a Poet (Le Sang d'un Poete) (PG) 6pm + Le Testament D'Orphee 7pm + Orhpee 8.45pm

BRIGHTON DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-602S03) La Vita è Bella (PG) 1.45pm, 6.30pm Your Friends and Neighbors (18) 4.15pm, 8.50pm

BRISTOL CUBE CINEMA (0114-907 4191) Buffalo 66 (15) 6.30pm, 8.45pm

WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) La Classe de Neige (15) 6.10p Mother Dao: The Turtle-Like (NC) 8.20pm La Vita è Belle (PG) 3pm.

CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444 Casablenca (U) 5pm La Vita è Bel la (PG) 12.15pm. 7.10pm

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NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) Hilary and Jackle (15) 1.30pm Unagi (18) 4.15pm PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE

(01752-206114) The Acid House (18) 8pm

CINEMA COUNTRYWIDE

BRIGHTON CINEMATHEQUE (01273-739970); Banned (NC): Invocation Maya Deren + Olvine Horseman: the Living Gods of Hairi (1947-1951) (NC)

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GUILDFORD OOEON (08705-050007); Babe: Pig In the City (U): Beloved (15): A Bug's Life (U): Or Dolittle [PG]; Jack Frost (PG); Little Voice (15): Madeline (U): Mulan (U): Patch Adams (12): Primary Colors (15); Shakespeere in Love (15); The Thin Red Line (15); This r's Love)18): Urban Legend [18]; La Vita è Bella (PG); You've Got M@il (PG)

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THEATRE WEST END

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• AMADEUS David Suchel stars in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 7616) BR/& Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30, 180 mins.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Lav-

ish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairs tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4))7[2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mins. ● BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rus-

sell's long-running Liverpool musical melodrama. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) + Leic.Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7) 4pm, £11.50-£32.50, 165 mlns. • CATS Lloyd Webber's musical

based on TS Eliot's poems. New Lon-don Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 00721 O Covent Garden, Mo 7.45pm,)3[[7] 3pm, £10.50-£35.

D CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Nicola Davies star in this hit Broad-Nicola Davies star in this fit broad-way musical. Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X, Mon-Sat 8pm. [4])7) 3pm. £16-£36 (incl booking fee). 130 mins. • THE COLOUR OF JUSTICE

Dramatisation of the headline-grab-bing Stephen Lawreoce case. Victoria Palace Victoria Street. SW1 (0171-834 1317) BR/& Vic-toria. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. (5) 2pm.)7[4pm. ends 13 Mar, £5-£15.50. B COPENHAGEN New drama from

Michael Frayn about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. (5))7) 2.30pm. £10-£30. OEFENDING THE CAVEMAN Mark Little stars in this witty and wise

O Picc Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm. Fri-Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £10-£25, concs available, 120 mins ▶ GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film starring Darreo Day, Cambridge Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ◆ Covent Garden.

Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4)[7] 3pm, £10-£32,50. 150 mins, AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller. Garrick Charing Cross Road. WC2 (0171-494 5085) • Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8.15pm,)4) 2.30pm, (7) 5pm, £12-£29.50. I 10 mins.

LIFT OFF issues of race are ex-plored in Roy Williams' new piece. Royal Court Upstairs (et The Ambassadors) West Street, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ♦ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 9pm, ends 13 Mar, £10, concs £5. dors) West Street, WC2)0171-

I LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EU-NUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the student revolutionary activist. Com-edy Panton Street. SW1 (0171-369 1731) ♥ Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 8pm, (5)[7] 3pm, ends 13 Mar, £7-£27.50. 150 mins.

MACBETH Rufus Sewell and Sally Dexter portray thwarted ambition. Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040) & Picc Circ, Mon-Sat 7,30pm, (7) 2,30pm, ends 5 June, THE MEMORY OF WATER Al-

star in this touching comedy about three sisters. Vaudeville Strand. WCZ)0171-836 9987) BR/& Char-. Mon-Sat 8pm, [5][7] 3pm, £8-Ing X. Mon-sac op... £27.50. 120 mins. O LES MISERABLES Musical

dramatisation of Victor Hugo's masterpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) & Picc Circ. i-Sat 7.30pm,)5[(7) 2.30pm. £7-£35. 195 mins. • MISS SAIGON Musical which re-

Sets the Madam Butterfly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royel, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-494 50601 Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £8.50-£35.

 THE MOUSETRAP Agatha THE MOUSETRAP Agama Christie's whodunnit. Sc Martin's West Street, WC2 (0171-836 1443) Deleic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] Spm. £10-£24.50. 135 mins.

OKLAHOMA! The National's acclaimed production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy versus farmhand musical Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446) & Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June, £10-£35, 180 mins.

O THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Haymarket. SW1 (0171-494 5400) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4](7] 3pm, £10-

RENT Musical inspired by La Bo-heme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (07000-211221) → Holborn. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50, 160 mins.

stars as the historical villain. Savoy Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Charing X. Mon-Sat 7.30pm,)7(2.30pm, £10-£27.50.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER: Troitus And Cressida John Caird and Trevor Nunn direct Shakespeare's reinvection of Homer's Greek and Trojan beroes.

● LYTTLETON: Betrayal Pinter's work depicts a menage à trois and stars Imogen Stubbs and Douglas Hodge. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 7 Apr. 90 mins. • COTTESLOE: The Riot Nick

Darke's drama from Kneehigh Theatre. In rep. tonight 7.30pm. NT 2000: Gaslight Readings from Patrick Hamilton's psychological thriller. Tonight. 6pm

log: £12-£18. NT2000; £4. concs £3. (0171-452 3000) BR/+ Waterloo. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE PIT: Goodnight Children Everywhere A teenage evacuee returns home at the end of the war and after the death of his pareots in Richard Nelson's moving new drama.

In rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends 27 Apr. Barbican Theatre: £5-£26. The Pit:

£11-£18.50. Barbican Centre, EC2

(0171-638 8891). BR/⊕ Barbican. Street (01392-667080]

Olivier & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Cottes-

● YOUNG VIC: Bartholmew Fair Ben Jonson's intensely theatrical show stars Stephen Boxer, in 1ep. tonight 7.15pm, RSC at the You Vic: £14-£20. The Cut. SE1 (0171-928 6363), BR/O: Waterloo

) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia, London Palladium Argyll Street, W1 (0171-494 5020) ↔ Oxford Circ. Mon-Sat 7.30pm,)4)[7) 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 135 mins.

) SHOCKHEADED PETER Brilliant junk opera, featuring the Tiger Lillies. Lyric Hammersmith King Street. W6 (0181-741 2311) • 2.30pm, ends Apr 10, £5-£18.

• SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW Slava Polounine returns to London with his back to the realms of childish de-Piccadilly Oenman Street. W1 (0171-369 1734) & Picc Circ. Monat 7.30pm. [5[(7[2.30pm. £10-

INTERPORT EXPRESS Andrew

Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-musi-

cal. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road. SW1 (0171-416 5070) BR/+ Victoria, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3) (7) 3pm, £12.50-£30. 150 mins. O AMERICAN IMPORTS: THREE DAYS OF RAIN Drama about the strange legacy left to two children by their father. Donmar Warehouse

Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732] & Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Mar, £8-£15, mars £8. VASSA Howard Davies directs a oew stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and ber

⊕ Leic 5q. Mori-Sat 7.30pm, (5) 3pm, ends 27 Mar, £5-£29.50. THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (et the Duke of York's) 5t Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) & Leic So/Charing X. Mon-5at 7.30pm. [4))7[3.30pm. £5-£25. 90 mins.

downtrodden family, Albery St Mar-dn's Lane. WC2 (0171-369 1730)

WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. comedy about the sexes. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 (494 5070) Prince of Wal es Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5987) & Leic Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm,)5)[7) 3pm. £18.50-£35. 160 mins.

ONIN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 0171-836 2428) & Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 120 mins.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost story. Fortune Russell Street, WC2)0171-836 22 38/cc 344 4444) & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, (3) 3pm, (7) 4pm, £8.50-£23.50, 110 mins.

I HEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

LONDON ALMEIDA THEATRE Certain Young Men Peter Gill's comedy of con-temporary manners (ooks at the sexuality and the modern man. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, mats Sat 3pm, ends 20 Feb. £9,50-£19.50, concs available. Almeida Street, N1 [0171-359 4404) O Angel/Highbury and Is-GATE THEATRE Intimate Death

Stage adaptation of French psychologist De Hennezel's diaries. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £10. concs £6. Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706) • Notting Hill KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON GOD

Ex Take That good-looker ex Take That star Jason Orange stars in this blistering but comic attack on the pastions of art and culture. Tonight 8pm, phone for prices. Upper Street, N1 (D171-226 1916) ◆ Angel/Highbury and Islington

YOUNG VIC Talk of the City Stephen Poliakoff's challenging new drama explores media control in the early days of TV and radio. Tonight 7.15pm, continuing, phone for prices. The Cut, 5E1 (0171-928

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

OUEEN'S THEATRE On the Razzie New production of Tom Stop-pard's classy farce set in 1850s Vieooa. Mon-Wed 2.30pm & 7.45pm, ends 10 Feb. £6-£10 Boutport Street (01271-324242)

HAYMARKET THEATRE The Seagull Chekhov's last play about a Russ-ian family vainly trying to protect their beloved estate as they lurch towards bankruntey Tue-Sat 7,45pm

THEATRE ROYAL Macbeth Rufus Sewell stars in Shakespeare's great-est tragedy. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Fri-5awclose (01225-448844)

BLACKFRIARS ARTS CENTRE The Complete Works of William Shake-speare (Abridged) Reduced Shake-speare Company fast forwards through 37 plays, Tonight 7.30pm. £8, concs £6.50 Spain Lane (01205-

BRIGHTON KOMEDIA The Garden of Habus tan Story of a young Israeli who en-counters an elderly Palestinian man who has returned to claim his land Tue-Thur 8.30pm, ends 11 Feb. £7.50, concs £6 Gardner Street (01273-647100)

THEATRE ROYAL Blues Brother Soul Sisters Ruby Turner stars in this feel-good soul musical. Times vary, phone for details, ends 6 Mar. Phone for prices King 5treet (0117-

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE The Rocky Horror Show Twenty-fifth anniversary tour of the classic rock'o'roll musical. Mon-Thur 7.30pm, Fri & Sat 5.30pm & 8.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £10-£22.50 Oaklands Park 101243-781312)

EXETER PHOENIX Sell Out Frantic Assembly's latest multi-media performance. Tonight 8pm, £8, concs £6 Bradninch Place. Gandy available. Peacocks Arts & Enter-tainments Centre [01483-761144]

FIRST CALL, LAST CALL

First Call

FRIDAY SEES the opening of a new production from the highly successful Method & Madness company. Running for two weeks at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, before touring until the autumn, Buried Alive tells the story of photo-journalist Stuart, whose past looks set to come back and haunt him when fame beckons. Writer Philip Osment weaves a complex web of emotion that untangles in a heap of betrayal and shame.

Northcott Theatre, Exeter (01392 493493) 12-27 Mar; Poole Arts Centre 101202 865222) 25-29 May. Tour information: (0171-450 1990)

Last Call

WHEN ASH (right) first arrived on the music scene in 1995, celebrations were put on hold because the lead singer was still sweating over A-levels. Since then, the band has had hit singles with "Girls from Mars" and "Goldfinger". The Downpatrick trio remain refreshingly free of teen angst and with last year's acclaimed second album, Nu-Clear Sounds, they have achieved grown-up success. New guitarist Charlotte Hatherley also adds edgy riffs to their raw rock and power-pop sounds. Rock City, Nottingham (0115-941 2544) 7 Apr; Arena Way, Newcastle (0191-260 5000) 10 Apr

YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE The Prisoner of Second Avenue Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason star in **EXHIBITIONS**

HIGH WYCOMBE WYCOMBE SWAN Macbeth Volcand Theatre's physical production of Shakespeare's dark and tragic love story. Tonight 8pm. £9. St Mary's Street)01494-512000)

Neil Simon's comedy about a mid-life crisis. Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri-Sat

Born, macs Thur & Sac, 2.30pm, ends

Millbrook (01483-440000)

MALVERN MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE Joseph and the Amazing Techni-color Dreamcoat Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Bible story. Tonight 7.30pm. ends 20 Feb. £14-£21,50, concs available. Grange Road (01684-

MILFORD HAVEN TORCH THEATRE The Woman in Bleck Susan Hill's chilling story with a twist. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £8, concs £5 St Peters Road (01646-695267) Milford Haven

WATERMILL THEATRE More Talkmg Heads Janet Brown, Patricia land and Souble Lawrence bring Alan Bennett's superb monologues to life. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur

& Sat 2.30pm, ends 13 Mar. £6-£16.50 Bagnor)01635-46044[NORTHAMPTON ROYAL THEATRE Dombey and Son Michael Napier Brown's adap-tation of Dickens's novel about a man's obsession with his new son and 7.30pm, mats Thur 2.30pm, Sat 5pm, ends 6 Mar. £4-£14.50. Guild-

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Making Noise Quietly Robert Holman's series of short pieces depicting en-counters between strangers in the shadow of war. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. ends 13 Feb. £6-£13. Beaumont Street (01865-798600)

hall Road (01604-632 533)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Abigail's Party Steven Pinder (Brookside's Max Farnham) stars in Mike Leigh's Suburbia, Mon-Thur 7,30pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, mat Thur 2.30pm, ends 13 Feb. F9-F11 50 coors available Embankment Road (01733-552439)

THE MILL AT SONNING Two Dozen Red Roses Comic love story set in the romantic Italian capital, Rome. Tue-Sat 8.15pm, mars Sat 2.15pm, ends 20 Feb. £21.95-£32.95 incl di ner. Sonning Eye)0118-969 8000)

SALISBURY SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Blithe Spirit Noel Coward's comedy about a man haunted by the spirit of his dead wife, is revived for his centenary. Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thur-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £9-£15. Maithouse Lane (01722-320333)

STAG THEATRE Talking Heads Three of Alan Bennett's funny yet touching and troubling studies of the foibles of human nature. Wed-Sat 8pm, ends 13 Feb. £8.50, concs £7.50 London Road (01732-450175)

SOUTHAMPTON NUFFIELD THEATRE Earth and Ski Thriller starring Samantha Janus about a librarian who thinks she knows ber boyfriend well · until there is e murder and his murky past there is e murder and his murky past is revealed. Mon-Thur 7.30pm. Fri-Sat 8pm. ends 27 Feb. £5.95-£12.50, concs available. University Road (01703-671771)

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON SWAN THEATRE Troilus and Cres sida Shalespeare's dejuction of the hu-man spirit undermined by bloody warfare. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. 55-630. Waterside (01789-295623)

TEWKESBURY ROSES THEATRE That'll Be the Day Musical taking audiences through twenty years of pop music, from the 1950s to the 1970s. Tonight 7.30pm. £12.50. Sun Street (01684-295074)

WATFORD PALACE THEATRE Darkness Fails Double-bill of simister drama from Jonathan Holloway, Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm. ends 20 Feb. £4-£15.75. Clarendon Road (01923-

CLIFFS PAVILION Popcorn Emma No-ble stars in Ben Elton's satire on cinema violence. Mon-Fri 8pm. Fri 6pm & 9pm, ends 13 Feb. £13.50-£22.50. PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Women on the Verge of HRT Two fortysomething women discuss their

ation in life. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends

20 Feb. £5.50-£14.50, concs avail-

able. London Road (01702-342564)

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE The Gin Game Frith Banbury directs Jose Ackland and Dorothy Tutin in this funny drama about a game of Gin Rummy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Wed 2.30pm, ends 13 Feb. £6-£16, concs

BATH HOTBATH GALLERY Dialogue of the Present Women artists reflect their origins in Arabic culture. Mon-Fri 9am-4.45pm. Sat 10am-4pm. ends 17 Feb. free. City of Bath College. Avon Street (01225-312191)

DE LA WARR PAVILION Edward Weston Photographs. Mon-5un 10am-6pm, ends 21 Mar, free. (01424-787949)

BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Mary Potter (1900-1981) Retrospective of the artist's largely figurative paintings. Mon. Tue, Thur-Sat 10am-5pm, 5un 2pm-5pm. ends 28 Mar, free, Church 5treet (01273-290900)

BRISTOL ARNOLFINI Accelerator Work by an international group of contempo-rary artists, including Hilary Lloyd, Ako Sasao and Suzy Spence, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 28 Mar. free, Narrow Ouay)0117-

ANTHONY D'OFFAY Andy Warhol Sculpture and paintings. Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm. Sat 10am-1pm, ends 11 Mar. free. Dering 5treet. W1 (0171-499 4100) → Bond 5treet.

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BARBICAN ART GALLERY Africa by Africa: A Photographic View More than 200 images from sub-Sarahan Africa. Picasso and Photography: The Dark Mirror More than 300 works explore the Sponish master's relationship with photography. Mon. Thur-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tue 10am-5.45pm, led 10am-7.45pm, 5un 12poon-

6.45pm, ends 29 Mar, £5, concs £3, from Mon-Fn £3 after 5pm, 5ilk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) + Barbican, DESIGN MUSEUM Minl: Forty Years of a Design Icon Mini's de-signed by celebrities mark the 40th versary of the vehicle. Opens Feb

9, Ends 9 May. Modern Britain 1927-1939 A study on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Hepworth, Moo-Sun 11,30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5,25, concs £4 museum). Shad Thames, SE1 (0171-378 6055) + Tower Hill. HAYWARO GALLERY Patrick

Caulfield More than 50 colourful paintings by the leading British artist. Mon. Thur-Sun 10am-6pm. Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. E6, concs £4, family £12. Belvedere Road, SE1)0171-960 4242) BR/O NATIONAL GALLERY Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of paintings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon, Tue, Thur-Sun

10am-6pm, Wed 10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. E6, concs £4, Wed £4 7 pm-10pm, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) Charing Cross. NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY The Art of Cooking: Barry Mars-den Photographs of chefs displayed in the cafe. Ends 1 Apr. Gerald Scarfe at the NPG Political

cariacatures. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm,

Sun 12noon-6pm. ends 6 Apr. free. St Martins Place, WC2 (0171-306 00S5) Charing Cross. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings made in the 26 years after 1900, Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6, child (12·18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-300 8000)

GEORGE RODGER GALLERY, KENT INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN
Adolescents/Calais Series 19931995: Philippe Bazin Photographic
potratis of students at Calais schools.
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, ends 12 Mar. free. Oakwood Park (01622-75728)

NORWICH CASTLE MUSEUM The NORWICH CAST AS A SCUIPTURE Nancy Balfour Collection Sculpture igs and ceramics bequ to the Contemporary Art Society. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 5 May. £2,40, toncs £1.60, child £1.10, family £5.90.

MUSEUM OF ST ALBANS The People's Art Folkart, including textiles and ceramics. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 9 May, fro Hatfield Road (01727-819340) ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays

1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and ceramics from the second half of the century plus a selection of contemporary work. Ouoit Montserrat: Veronica Ryan Marble sculpture linking St Ives with Montserral, Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr 101736-7962261

WOLVERHAMPTON WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war etchings. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902-

CLASSICAL

CARDIFF BUTE THEATRE, WELSH COL-BUTE THEATRE, WELSH COL-LEGE OF MUSIC ANO ORAMA An Evening with Mark Stuart The singer in recital accompanied by John Samuel, Tonight 7.30pm. £10. North Road (01222-372175)

ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE Susan Bullock/Daniel Normen French songs for soprono and tenor. Tonight 7pm. £8-£13.50. Penelope Mackey French cabaret songs. Tonight 9,45pm. £5. Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) + Westminster

PURCELL ROOM Gary Preston Pi-ano recital of Chopin and Liszt. Tonight 8pm. £5 & £7. South Bank, S£1 (0171-960 4242) BR & Waterlao

WIGMORE HALL Fujita Trio Piano Trios by Schubert and TchailtovSky. Tonight 7.30pm. £7-£14. Cecile Ousset The pianist plays Chopin. Ravel and Saint-Saens. Tonight 1pm. £7, conts £5. Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141) & Bond Street

DANCE QUEEN'S THEATRE Random Dance

Company: Sulphur 16 Interactive trilogy exploring dance and technology. Surf the sights and sounds, experiencing a performance which is yours alone, Tonight 8pm. £8, concs £4, Billet Lane (01708-443333) LONDON
PLACE THEATRE Paulo Hampson

and Andrea Buckley: Hermeus Three innovative pieces, Tonight 8pm, £10, concs £7. Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031) Euston. ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Spring Loaded Festival Dates vary, phone for details, ends 19 Apr. Phone for

LITERATURE

TALES | TELL MY MOTHER ZOE Fairburns, Sura Maitland and Michelene Wandor in this discuss women's literature, Royal Theatre Guildhall ad (01604-632 533) Tonight 7.30pm, £3, cones £2.

LONDON WOMEN WRITERS' NETWORK SPOTTING THE FIRST TIME NOV-**ELIST Literary agent Jonny Geller** explains the best approach for as-piring authors. Conway Hall Red U-on Square WC1 (0171-242 8032) Holborn. Tonight 7.15pm, £5, mems free, women only.

POETIC LICENCE Open evening of new poetry and live music in cele-bration of the spoken word. Riverside Studios Crisp Road W6 10181-237 1111) & Hammersmith, Tonight 7,30pm-9,30pm, free.

NICOLA WILLIAMS, DIANE LANG-FORD AND VAL MCDERMID Three pular crime writers read from and ik about their work. Waterstone's Bookshop Camden High Street NW1 (0171-284 4948) Camden Town, Tonight 7pm, free

COMEDY

COVENTRY IT'S A SCREAM AT CLUB CAMPBELL With American comic Reg Hunter, Natalie Haynes and MC Roger Monkhouse. Tonight 9.30pm. Gos-ford Street (01203-234831) £2.50.

THE COMEDY STAGE AT O X ONE Fast rising comic talent Adem Bloom plus Veronica McKenzie. Tonight 8pm, New Road (01865-250099) £7.

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AND CHICKENS Surreal, richly comic work in progress. Tonigh 8pm. St Paul's Road N1 (0171-70 2001) Highbury & Islington. £5. COMEDY SPOT AT THE COMEDY SPOT Geoff Boyz, Gordon Southern and Helen da-Silva, hosted by Paul Vallis. Tonight 9pm, Maiden Lane, WC2 (0171-379 5900) & Covent Garden,

LONDON

CLUBS

XPLOSURE AT CLWB IFOR BACH New chart, indie and dance. Tonight 9pm-2am, £2. Womanby Street 101222-232199) LEKESTER

SHOOT AT MOSQUITO COAST Night of garage punk, Britpop, new wave and mod rock, Tonight 10pm-2em, E2, NUS £1.5t Nicholas Circle (0116-253 9912) LONDON THAT'S HOW IT IS AT BAR RUM-BA Dego (4-Hero), Gilles Peterson

and Ben Wilcox get funky. Tonight

10.30pm-3,30am, 5haftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-287 2715) @ Pk-

cadilly Circus, £3.

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EVENTS

WOMEN'S DAY FAIR Offering advice and support, with workshops and entertainment. Clvic Centre Market Square [01296-486009], loday

WOMEN COMING OF AGE Babibition charting the changing Blestyle of women between the two World Wars, Royal Albert Memorial Me seum Queen Street (01392-265858). Mon-Sat Tilam-Spm, ends 27 Mar, Iree

LONDON COMMONWEALTH DAY Celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Com-monwealth, with music and dance. Westminster Abbey (Outside) The Sanctuary, Victorio Street SW1 (0171-766 9205) & Westmister,St

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RRIGHTON SPEAR OF DESTINY Kirk Brandon's 1980s epic rockers hit the comeback-trail Pressure Point Richmond Place (01273-702333) Tonight 10pm. "

CHELTENHAM STIFF LITTLE FINGERS Jake Bures and his veteran Ulster punts tour a new alimm, Hope Street, with Ex-Jam bassist Bruce Foxton in the line up. The Attic High Street GL (01242-516645), Torught 8 30pm, £12

DRUMMERS OF BURUNOI Inflaential African drum troupe. Marwick Arts Centre Gobet Hill Road(01203-524524), Tonight 8pm, £10-£15 prices. South Bank, SE1)0171-950 4242) BR/O Waterloo. DANA GRLESPIE Respectatibilities di

COVENTRY

Street W1 (0171-629 9813) @ Green Park, Tonight 11pm, £24.95 incl meal. COTTON MATHER Quirky Texas (A. post-pop with touches of The Beat les. Water Rats Theatre Gray's Inn. Road WC1 [0171-284 0077] BR-9

STEPS The chartbusting dance-page

quintet perform their hits. Fairfield

va. Dover Street Wine Bar Dover

Concert Halls Park Lane, CR9 (0)81-688 9291) BR: East Croydon, Tonight 7.30pm, £14.50. * CARON WHEELER, JOAN ARMA-TRADING Celebration of contemporary music in the Commonwealth with performances by the Soul to Sou singer and the singer-songwriter.
Westminster Abbey (Outside) The
Sanctuary, Victoria Street SW1:

(0171-766 9205) → Westminster. Yoday 4.15pm, free. OXFORD FARRELL AND BLACK US blues rockers with jaw-dropping CVs. Bullingdon Arms Cowley Road OX4 (01865-244516) Tonight Spm.:

R&B guitar maestro of Dr Feelgood and The Blockheads' fame. Fuggie end Firkin Gloucester Street (01865-727265) BR: Oxford. Tonight 8.30pm, free. PLYMOUTH DELAWARE, 11.11 The Cooper-

age Promising indie band duo. Vauv-hell 5treet. The Berbicao (01752-229275) Tonight 8pm.

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WOLVERHAMPTON

WILKO JOHNSON BANG Southend

punk from the forthcoming album, Revolt. Whilfrun Hall North Street WVI (01902-552121). Renight 8pm MUSIC

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK CHARLIE HEARNSHAW GROUP Angular postboo reedman fronts four piece. The Jolly Porter (01392-54848) Tonight 8.30pm, free.

STEVE BUCKLEY RICHARD MADG WICK Alto and piano led modern jest 606 Club Lots Road(0171-352 5953) Tonight 9.30pm & 12midnight, £4.95.

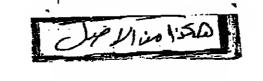
ART FARMER/STAN TRACEY

QUARTET Sweet and sour trumpet.

and piano pairing. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1)0171 439 8722) & Totrenham Court... Road. Tonight 8.30pm, £15 GEORGE MELLY AND JOHN CHILTON'S FEETWARMERS Risque anecdotal caharet and trad. jazz show, Pizza on the Park

Knightsbridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) & Hyde Park Corner, Yorkshi 9, 15pm & 11, 15pm, £20, adv £18 MONTY ALEXANDER TRIO Virtue osic Caribbean pianist of the Tatam Peterson school, Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) O Leicester Square, Tonight Spm. 11.30pm, £12, mems £4.

HOWARD RELEY LORSES IMPROVED anist Mortex Stoke Newlogton Charles Street N16 (0171-254 6510) BR Stoke ington. Tonight 8.30pm, £3.



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9.00 Masterworks.

11.00 Sound Stories.

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12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Rad-

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6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake

12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stew-

Humohrey Lyttelton, 8.00 Big Band

Wark Lamarr: Shake, Rattle and Roll

10.30 Richard Alfinson. 12.00 Lynn

12.00 Composer of the Week: Fred-

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

London, Donald Madeod introduces

another recital in the series featuring

ano). Chopin: Polonaise-Fantasy in A

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in C sharo minor, Oo 64 No 2; in E

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une infante defunte: Valses nobles et

sentimentales. Saint-Saens: Toccata

after the Finale of the Fifth Concerto

7.30 Performance on 3. Humphrey

Carpenter Introduces a concert giv-

en last Saturday in the Royal Festival

Hall as part of the Towards the Mi-

lennium' Festival. John Williams (gui-

tar), City of Birmingham Symphony

Chorus and Orchestra/Simon Rattle.

Takernitsu: To the Edge of Dream;

9.20 Postscript. For the third year

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4.00 Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (1277243). 4.30 A River Somewhere

(1273427), 5.00 7 Time Travellers (4485773), 5.30 Terra X: The Voyage Home (1264779), 6.00 Wildite SOS (1254392), 6.30 Adventures of the Quest

(3187779). 7.30 The Quest (127456). 8.00

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MONDAY RADIO

PICK OF THE DAY

A FOOD programme that cooks with choice words, not gas, The Pleasures of the Table (9.45am RAFM) presents an excerpt from the gastronome Elizabeth David. whose horror at post-war British cuisine led her to recreate spicy

dishes from abroad. The best thing about the Afternoon Play - The Girl Everything Must Go by the from Arles (2.15pm R4) is the incidental music by Bizet, which

underscores the passions at work in Alphonse Daudet's melodrama about a young man's unacceptable love for the titular "slut". But Michael Rohson's translation also has an impressive sonority.

Popsters will like Lamacq Live (8pm R1) which dissects Manic Street Preachers tright). DOMINIC CAVENDISH



way'. A poem inspired by the remarkable extended dance sequence by Busby Berkeley in the film 'Gold 4.30 Turning World Diggers of 1935'. 9.40 Bach. Fantasia and Fugue in A 5.00 PM

minor, BWV904. Bob van Asperan (harpsichord). 10.00 Voices. The songs of Franz Schubert are a great challenge to any lieder singer. In the first of two programmes, lain Burnside trawls through 75 years of recordings by singers as varied as Schumann, Schwarzkopi, Pears and Schreler in search of the ultimate Schubert per-

10.45 Mixing It. Mark Russell and Robert Sandall introduce a session by Jocelyn Pook and her eight-piece **11.30** Jazz Notes.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Tchaikovsky. (R) 1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. RADIO 4 (924-946MHz FM)

6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Start the Week 9.45 Serial: The Pleasures of the Table. See Pick of the Day. 10.00 NEWS: Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Tuning into Children. 11.30 King of Bath. 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 12.57 Weather 1.00 The World at One. 1.30 Counterpoint 2.00 NEWS; The Archers. 2.15 Afternoon Play: The Girl from Arias. See Pick of the Day. 3.00 NEWS; Money Box Live: 0870

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4.00 NEWS; The Food Programma. 6.00 Stx O'Clock News.

6.30 Just a Minute. 7.00 NEWS: The Archers. 7:15 Front Row. Mark Lawson chairs the arts programme. 7.45 The Cry of the Bittern. An environmental drama by Tim Jackson. Laura is in Norfolk, struggling to solve the riddle of the pollution at the

lev Hunter and Rachel Atkins. Director Vanessa Whitburn. (16/30). 8.00 NEWS; Silent Sentence, A documentary series investigating how a criminal's actions affect his

Head'. Are you paid what you are worth? Do nurses and teachers get too little money, while executives take home too much? Frances Cairnoross looks at how pay rates are determined and asks how far they match the value of workers to their employers and to society. 9.00 NEWS; Nature, 'Sea Cows', Mark Carwardine comes face to face with the Florida manatees as bones of their ancient ancestors are being dug up in Jamaica, linking these extraordinary creatures to the great

9.30 Start the Week, Jeremy Paxman and his guests set the cultural agenda for the week.

SATELLITE AND CABLE

10.00 The World Tonight. With Robin Lustig. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Ernest Hemingway Centenary - The Sun Also Rises. John Sharian reads Hemingway's acclaimed noval of the Lost Generation of the 20s. American Jake Barnes arrives with the bulks dissolute aristocrats, artists and geo-

ple in Pampiona for the ritually violent fiesta (6/10). 11.00 Fear on 4: Chimes at Midnight. 'Prepared to be Scared? By Nick Fisher, A theoretical physicist's consuming passion leads him into a great deal of trouble. With David Suchet, John Rowe and Jenny Lee. Director Marion Nancarrow, (R) **11.30** Airs of England.

12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Book: Golf Dreams. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day.

5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today. **RADIO 4 LW** (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service. 12.00 12.04 News; Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. 11.30 - 12.00 Today in Parliament.

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 100 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Commentary on the Tennents Scottish Cup quarter-final between Greenock Morton and Cettic. 9.40 Dream Teams. Jim White

meets celebrities who live for football. This week, Simple Minds star Jim Kerr talks about the Celtic players who would play in his dream 10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robin-

son sets tomorrow's agenda today.

including at 10.30 a full round-up of

the day's sport, and at 1100 a late news briefing. 100 Up All Night. 5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

CLASSIC FM 0000-1019MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsright. 7.06 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. The first concert in a week-long series to mark National Orchestra Week features the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Simon Rattle. Elgar: Enigma Varia-tions. Sibelius: Violin Concerto. Kennedy (violin). Sibelius: Symphony No 5 in E flat. Grainger: Country Gardens 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto 3-00 - 6.0 Mark Griffiths. VIRGIN RADIO

(1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz 6.30 Chris Evans, 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Geoff. 7.30 Pete and Geoff, 10.00 Mark Forrest, 100 James Merritt. 4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen. WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW)

1.00 The World Today. 1.30 Westway. 145 Record News. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Warm World 3.00 The World Today. 3.20 Sports Roundup. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 insight. 4.00 - 7.00 The World Today (4.00-7.00).

TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm and Sally James, 12.00 Let's Talk Soap with Tina Baker, 100 Anna Raeburn - Live and Direct. 4.00 The SportZone. 6.00 James Whale. 1.00 - 6.00 lan Colins.

(4496224), 11.40 The Bill (1078595), 12.10

The Bill (6942354), 12.40 Black Adder the Third (8008373), 1.15 French and Saun-

(32730373). 3.00 · 7.00 Shopping with

.00 Tiny and Crew (79719972), 6.20 10

plus 2 (48150205). 6.40 Philbert the Frog (98729885). 6.45 Greedysaurus and the

Gang (98728156). 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts

198709021). 7.00 Practical Parenting

(1660779), 7.30 Callou (6180243), 7.35 Bug Alert (7068175), 7.55 Practical Par-

(3595088). 7.05 Professor Bubble

enting (9183137). 6.00 Barney and

Friends (9193514). 8.25 Babaloos (1582953). 8.30 Tiny Tales (3367934).

3.35 Tiny and Crew (4297972), 8.50

Practical Parenting (8724501), 9.00 Special Bables (8401040), 9.30 The

Roseanne Show (7388224), 10.00 The

Jerry Springer Show (9626088). 10.50

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Maury Povich (3025866). 11.40 Brooksid

(23482088), 12.10 Through the Keyhole (21727885), 12.40 Rescue 911 (29901458).

(38013224). 1.40 Maury Povich (4222359).

2.30 Special Bables (9478953). 3.00 Living Room (6580311). 3.50 Michael Cole

4887427). 4.40 Through the Keyhole

(15991595). 5.40 Ready, Steady, Cook

(6379595). 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (1023601), 7.05 Rescue 911 (4881427).

7.35 Animal Rescue (#89914). 6.00 LA Law (2623175). 9.00 Films: Silent Cradle

(1997) (2693934). 11.00 The Sex Files II

9.00 When the Lion Roars (33068796).

11.00 Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) (23981934). **1.00** Shaft in Africa (1973) (45548625). **2.45** The Yellow Rolls-

Royce (1965) (22963828), 5.00 Close.

7.00 Jenny (2514), 7.30 Grace Under Fire (5953), 8.00 Ellen (8934), 8.30

Spin City (7089). 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (75886). 9.30 Whose Line is it

Arryway? (81717). 10.00 Frasier (48514). 10.30 Cheers (24934). 11.00 Seinfeld

(25381), 11.30 The Larry Sanders Show

(10717). 12.00 Late Night with David

1.30 Frontine (15373). 2.00 Dr Katz

(10809), 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (22644).

TYNE TEES

etterman (24460). 1.00 Taxl (78354).

3.00 Nightstand (98118). 3.30 Abbott & Costello (13996). 4.00 Close.

As Yorkshire except: 12.15 North East News end Weather (4258865). 5.30 North East Tonight (42446). 11.20 North East News and Weather (725507).

As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Ysgo-

fon/Schools (28445576). 12.00 Right to Repty (97213953). 12.30 Sesame Street (26046798). 1.00 Planed Plant (57085392). 1.30 Classic British Cars (26047089). 2.00 Time Team

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(59292683) 5.50 The Heat Is Oc

(7552682), 12,00 Close.

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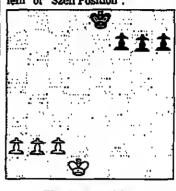
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INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS

JON SPEELMAN

TODAY, A very difficult position of limited practical value, but with enormous potential to baffle and amaze: The "Three Pawns Problem" or "Szen Position".



The Szen Position

Examined by Carrera as early as 1617, this endgame is so complex that I know of people who've made a substantial amount of money by betting on and proving their ability to win with either colour!

It was finally solved by the Hungarian Joszef Szen in 1836, and is almost impossible to comprehend in terms of variations, hut becomes surprisingly tractable if viewed in terms of key positions.



White's ideal queenside formation

The white king and black pawns cancel each other out, since the pawns can't move without being captured, but equally if the king is to move, then the pawns will force their way through.

But White wins, with or without the move, owing to his ideal formation on the queenside:

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With White to play: I b4 Kc7

or alternatively 1 ... Kb7 2 c5 Kb8 3 h5 Kb7 4 b6 2 a6 Kb6 3 b5 Ka7 4 c5 With Black to play: a) 1 ...Kc5 2 b1+ Kc6 3 a6!

b) 1 ...Kb7 2 c5 Kb8 3 b3! Kb7 4 b4 Kb8 5 b5: c) 1 ...Ke7 2 c5 Kb7 3 b4! Kb8 4

b5 In the Szen position itself, both sides strive to set up this ideal pewn formation on 35, b2, c4 or, for Black, b4, g7, f5.

If both succeed then it will be a draw, since they will both be forced to move their kings up and down. But White crosses his opponent's intention by first bringing his king in front of the enemy pawns, and Black must do likewise. The main line goes:

1 Ke2! h5 2 Kf3 f5 3 Kg3! Kd7. 3 ...g5 4 a4 Kd7 5 a5 would lead to the key position above.

4 a4 Kc6 5 c4 Kb6 6 b4 g5 7 a5+ Ka7 8 cS h4+ 9 Kh2, Now Block can stop the pawns -

but he will have to commit his king before White's: a) 9 ... Kb8 10 b5 f4 11 Kg2! This is mutual zugzwang - whoever

moves loses, eg: 11 ...g4 12 Kgt f3 13 Kf2 h3 14 Kg3 Kb7 15 b6. etc. b) 9 ... Kb7 10 b5 f4 11 Kg1! wins. c) Or he can race, 9 ...f4 10 c6 f3

11 b5 g4 12 c7 Kb7 13 b6 f2 14 Kg2 g3 15 a6+ and wins.

BRIDGE Game all: dealer South

THE PLAY started well for South in his contract of 1 no-trumps on this deal. In the ending, however, he found himself in the unusual position (for a declarer) of being the victim of a criss-cross squeeze.

Playing a Strong Club system, South opened One Club, North gave the negative response of One Diamond; South's next bld of One Heart was a relay, requiring his partner to bid One Spade. All very baffling but, after the forced spade bid, South's next move of 1 notrumps showed a balanced 18-19 points. It was not difficult for North to pass this and West led +6 (the second highest of a bad suit) which

went to the king and ace. South started on the clubs and which East threw a diamond. ♠ J. Declarer won, and continued clubs, and West won and cleared Then he cashed his two established clubs on which both defenders parted with a heart. This left

♥ 10 and cashed the long spade, on

♥973 ♦10652 **₽**763 West East **49654 ◆**KJ8 ♥A 108 ♥Q652 **ØJ83 ♦**A74 +A84 4K52 Sonth ♥KJ4 OKQ9 +QJ109

North

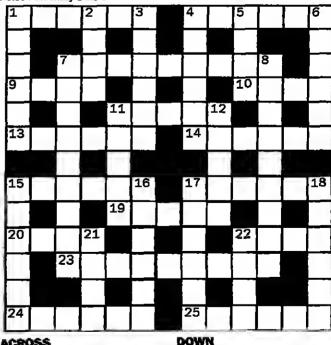
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East won the first round to return South was now in trouble; if he parted with 09, West would lead a diamond to his partner's ace and the spades. Next declarer tried then take the last two tricks; if on Q and this was allowed to win. the other hand he threw a heart, West would cash ♥A and then East would win the rest. The five-card ending was rather

South with ♥KJ4 ♦K9 and he odd - if declarer had led any card exited with ♥4 in the vague hope other than ♥4, a good guess at the that e seventh trick would come in. end would have given him the It did not, for West won with extra trick that he needed for his

CONCISE CROSSWORD

No.3864 Monday 8 March



ACROSS

Livestock (6) Monopolised (6) Vocal genre (4,5) 9 Inferior horse (4)

10 Fox securely (4) 11 Female dog (5) 13 Steering device (6) 14 Impede (6)

15 Prairie-wolf (6) 17 European country (6) 19 Ravage (5) 20 Fellow (4)

22 Arm bone (4) 23 Cholecystic calculus (9) 24 Superfluity (6) 25 Somerset town (6)

Place for mooring (5) 12 Hirsute (5) 15 Shellfish (6) 16 Birds (6) 17 Foaming (6) Glossy coating (6) 21 Step (4) 22 Ruin (4)

Prestige value (6)

Cream cake (6)

US currency (6)

Bell-tower (9)

Accepted (4)

Hip (6)

Profit (4)

Rascal (9)

Solution to last Saturday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Fill, 3 Launders (Philanders), 9 Baton, 10 Integer 11 Fil. 13 Libertine, 14 Bustle, 16 Client, 18 Flip-flops, 20 Saw, 22 Avarice, 23 Cuide, 25 Overtone, 26 Feal, DOWN, 1 Fable, 2 Lot, 4 Akimbo, 5 Natural, 6 Egg-timers, 7 Serpent, 6 Anil, 12 Foscinale, 14 Buffalo, 15 Leftist, 17 Govern, 19 Sock, 21 Wheel, 24 Ice.

Tibbetts' farm. As Alex grows fonder of her. Dean seems determined to win her back. With lan Pepperell, Kel-

8.30 Analysis. The Price on Your



PICK OF THE DAY

STEPHEN POLIAKOFF was while she is living with her wellrightly acclaimed for his recent off husband (Alan Rickman). three-part BBC2 serial, Shooting But when the siblings bump into the Pust. One critic went so far each other again, the attraction as to hail it as "a masterpiece". between them starts to grow. His last screen work to create such a stir was Close My Eves (10pm FilmFour), an intriguing love story. Clive Owen and Saskia Reeves (right) play a brother and sister, separated for several years after being raised by different parents. Racked by

self-doubt, he has a menial job.

(8950934), 11.00 Test Flights (8847885), 12.00 Planet Ocean (9561915), 1.00 Ter-ra X: The Voyage Home (9265815), 1.30 Time Travellers (3438199), 2.00 Close.

SKY ONE 7.00 Count Duckule (96801), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (59972), 8.30 Hollywood Squares (45088), 9.00

Sally Jessy Raphael (55175). 10.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (71392). 11.00 Guiltyl (91156). 12.00 Jeruny Jones

(60885), 1.00 Mad about You (95972).

7.00 Long Play (9207921).

(36779). 9.30 Aerobics - Oz Style (69595). 10.00 Super League Gateshead vs Leads (69359). 12.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (49243). 12.30 What a Weekend

(63311). 1.00 FA Cup Football Special

Manchester United vs Chelses (65576). 2.30 Spanish Football (80205), 4.30

SKY SPORTS 1

Meryl Streep's career has been distinguished by the ability to

inhabit different roles and accents - from Polish in Sophie's Choice to Australian in A Cry in the

Dark and English in Plenty. She is profiled in today's Femmes Fatales (1pm Sky Moviemax). JAMES RAMPTON

Powerboat and Jet Sport World (6882), 5.00 Max Power (\$243), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (7175), 6.30 What a Weekend (8427), 7.00 Scottish Football Greenock Morton vs Celtic (996885). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (223021). 10.15 You're on Sky Sports (463330). 11.00 Football League Review (36243), 12.00 Sky Sports Centre (8903151), 12.15 You're on Sky Sports (6448354). 1.00 Scottish Footbal (56828), 2.30 Footbal League

Review (28267). 3.30 Sky Sports Centre (46888441) 3.45 Close SKY SPORTS 2 USA (8002137), 10.00 European Tour Golf (2649392), 12.30 Max Power (3871137). 1.30 Powerboat and Jet Sport World (1331779). 2.00 International Cricket West Indies vs Australia (7883494) (62779). 11.30 Star Trak: Voyager (51296). 12.30 The Commish (87064). 1.30 trafia (8588953), 9.00 V-Max (3342175). Cycling (8213642), 1.00 International 7.00 FA Cup Football Special Manchester United vs Chelsea (44717). 8-30 The Snow Show (45427). 9.00 Racing News

SKY SPORTS 3 2.00 World Motorsport (47312088). 5.00 Football League Review (27389021). 6.00 Cycling (14237156).

(14228408). 7.00 Fish TV (27380750). 7.30 Totalsport (14217392). 8.00 International Bowls Australia vs England (33061885), 10.00 Shell's Wonderful World of Golf (33040392). 11.00 The Golden Age of Racing A-Z of Motorsport (92547934). 11.30 Close.

(80155). 11.00 Biathion (56972). 12.30 Ski Jumping (68595). 2.00 Tennis (51175). 4.00 Cross-Country Skiing (8175), 8.00 Tennis (31311), 8.00 Tennis goals (93359), 11,30 Boxing (47392). 12,30 Close. UK GOLD

(8581232). 8.30 The Bit (3550311). 9.00 The Bill (354)663), 9.30 When the Boat Comes in (538-1889), 10.30 Dallas The Bill (2601408). 4.25 EastEnders (8696798). 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (9635476), 6.00 Dynasty (1811175). 7.00 The Comedy Alternative: Ever Decreasing Circles (7058682). 7.40 The Comedy Alternative: Dad's Army

ATP Tour (43158). 10.00 Footbell: Euro-7.00 Crossroads (8830595), 7.30 Neighbours (8904683), 7.55 EastEnders

(34990446). **11.55** Neighbours (75584576). **12.25** EastEnders (2229330). 100 Julet Bravo (1891311). 2.00 Dallas (70257578). 3.25 The BB (8109494). 3.55 (4426205). 8-20 The Cornedy Alternative: The Brittes Empire (2657953). 9.00 Ca-sualty (27951717). 10.05 Prince

FUROSPORT 7.30 Ice Skating (49935). 8.30 Athletics

1.30 Jeopardy (40021), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (60798), 3.00 Jenny Jones (75243) 4.00 Guity! (54750) 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (1243) 6.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (4427) 6.30 Friends 7.00 Aerobics - Oz Style (9565755), 7.30 Racing News (3918640), 6.00 Ford Golf (5779), 7.00 The Simpsons (2972), 7.30 The Simpsons (4863), 8.00 Star Trek -Deep Space Nine (57412), 9.00 First Wave (92408), 10.00 Seinfeld (17205), 10.30 Seinfeld (28953), 11.00 Friends

4.00 Second innings (1689478). 4.30 International Cricket West Indies vs Aus-9.30 World Motor Sport (9791972), 12.30 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (50580606). 3.15

Bowis Australia vs England (9208267). Close. 12.00 Saturday Fight Night (94199175). 6.30 Fish TV - Tony Dean Outdoors

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As Cariton except: 12.20 Angla
News and Weether (7497534). 12.55
Shortland Street (3165779). 1.30 Home
and Away (35878446). 1.55 The Jerry
Springer Show (8331250). 3.30 ITN News
Headlines (4993663). 3.35 Angla News
and Weather (4992334). 5.00 Home and
Away (9643408). 5.25 Take it On
(6868840). 5.30 Angla News Monday ExTract (7501. 6.00 Angla News (563). 11.20 (868840). 5.30 Angla News (653). 11.20 tra (750). 6.00 Angla News (653). 11.20 Angla News and Weather (725507). 1.30 World Football (24660). 2.00 Film: Dr Phibes Rises Again! (712847). 3.35 Trisha (2929199). 4.35 Nightacreen (46784084). 5.00 Coronation Street (20606).

CENTRAL As Carlton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (797334). 12.55 Home and Away (4746088). 2.10 High Road (56640330). 5.30 Shortland Road (56640539). 5.39 Shortand Street (750). 6.00 Central News at Six (663). 11.20 Central News and Weather (725507). 4.30 Jobfinder (4745731). 5.20 Asian Eye (354416).

As Cartton except: 10.30 This Morning (44761224), 12.15 HTV News

HTV WALES

(4259666), 12.55 Shortland Street (9165779), 1.30 Home and Away (35878446), 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (8331250), 3.10 TN News Head-Imes (4993663), 3.15 HTV News Imas (4993963), 3.35 HTV News (4992934), 5.30 House to House (750). 6.00 HTV News (653), 11.20 HTV News (725507), 1.30 World Football (24660), 2.00 Film; Dr Philbes Risss Againi (712847), 3.35 Trisha (2928199), 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (46784064), 5.00 Coronation Street (20606),

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Morning (4478124). 12.15 Meridian News
and Weather (426986). 12.55 Shortland
Street (9165779). 1.30 Home and Away
(35878445). 1.55 The Jerry Springer
Show (8331250). 3.10 TIN News Head-Show (833/250), 3.35 Thir News Haab-ines (4992934), 5.00 Home and Weather (4992934), 5.00 Home and Away (2578), 5.26 Three Minutes (8868840), 5.30 Country Ways (750), 6.00 Meridian Tonight (683), 11.20 Meridian News and Weather (732040),

11.35 Prisoner Cell Block H (988430), 1.30 World Football (24680), 2.00 Film: Dr Pribes Rises Again! (712847), 3.35 Trisha (2929199), 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (46764()64), 5.00 Freescreen (20606).

WESTCOUNTRY As Cariton except: 10.30 This Morring (4476124), 12.15 Westcountry News (4259866), 12.27 Small Talk, Big Talk (7405953), 12.55 Westcountry Lunchistre Live (4745088) 3.16 ITN News Headlines (4993663), 3.15 West-country News (4992934), 5.30 Animal SOS (750), 6.00 Westcountry Live 505 (750) 6.00 Westcountry News (663), 11.20 Westcountry News (725507), 1.30 World Footbell (24660), 2.00 Film: Dr Phibes Rises Against (712847), 3.35 Trisha (2929199), 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (46784064), 5.00 Coronation Street (20606).

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As Carlton except: 10.30 This
Morning (44761224), 12.15 Calendar
News and Weather (4259866), 12.55
Home and Away (4746088), 2.10 Coronation Street (2156250), 5.30 Tonight (750),
6.00 Calendar (563), 11.20 Calendar
News (725507), 4.30 Jobfinder (57170),

(26047069), 2.00 Time Team (73169885), 3.00 Return to the Lost Gardens of Hetigan (90306576), 4.30 Montel Williams (57326595), 5.00 Planed Plant (90307021), 5.30 Count-down (57340175), 6.00 Newyddion (93666408), 6.10 Heno (86149311), 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (90321885), 7.30 Newyd-dion (67327224), 8.00 Dudley (90307205), 8.30 Pwy di Pwy GON (67327224), S.OU LIDIARY (90307205), 8.30 Pwy di Pwy (90319040), 9.00 Taro Naw (68419392), 9.30 Sgorio (57467999), 10.35 Cutting Edge (62035601), 11.35 Access All Areas (71577609), 12.35 Access All Areas (71577609), 12.35 Access All Areas (85598809), 1.05 Access Al Areas

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3.28 Children's 88C: Playdaya (R) (S) (6808576). 3.45
Pocket Dragon Adventuraa (S) (T) (525/427). 3.53
Bodgar and Bedger (S) (T) (998/359). 4.10 Anthony A
(S) (T) (6128953). 4.20 Tha Littleat Pet Shop (R) (S) (6979/75). 4.35 Misery Guts (S) (T) (3280779).
5.00 Nawsround (S) (T) (4945205). 5.10 Blua Petarony Ant c shop (R) (S) (T) 980779). 0 Blua Petar

Neighbours. Will the bank give Drew e loan? (S) (T) (806576).

5.00 News| Weether (1) (595).

5.30 Regionel News (T) (175).

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7.00 A Question of Sport. A football manegers apecial, with Stave Bruca of Shetfield United, David O'Leary of Loads, Bryan Robson of Middlesbrough and Sundarland supremo Petar Reid (S) (T) (2412).

7.30 Wetchdog Heelthoheck, Wesley Kerr reports from California on e new quit-emoking drug (S) (T) (369).

8.00 EastEnders. It's the Peggy and Frank ahow, se the old lolks await some important news (S) (T) (8392).

8.30 Mrs Marton and Malcolm. Mrs Marton plays metohmaker for Malcolm in this highly amusing mother and-son altoom (S) (T) (5427).

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9.00 News; Regionel News; Weether (T) (3883).

9.30 Animat Police. Trainee RSPCA inepactors Tony struggles with e dying horse in Welaa (S) (T) (12224).

10.00 Panorama. A "vigorous investigation" of promisculty among young taenagers and the risa in the occurrence of sexually transmitted disasses (S) (T) (654595).

10.45 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Austrelia. The one-time funnyman (Glasgow Empire, 1979) continues his Australian four in industrial Newcastia – the second largast city in New South Wales (F) (S) (T) (882576).

1310 Untaithfully Yours (Howard Zielf 1884 US). Above-everage comedy starring Dudley Moore and Nastessja Kinski. Dud plays a world-famous conductor who suspacis his "baautiful young wite" of infidality with a violinist. A remake of Preaton Sturgas's 1948

11.25 Harbour Lights. Rahaated Nick Barry vehicla (R) (S) (T) (329717).

Don't miss

news

1.50 Joins BBC News 24 (22657921). To 6am.

NEWS PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

8.48 The Simpsons. Homer signs up for e class in nuclear physics (S) (T) (770953).

8.00 Disaster. John Nettiss voicee the falost attempt to investigate the sinking of *The Marchion*ass pleasure boat in 1989 (S) (T) (4934).

10.00 It I Ruted the World. Janet Street-Porter is e guast in the lying-politicians panal show (S) (T) (89525).

10.30 Newsnight. With Kirsty Wark (T) (53:330).

t1.45 Bitesize Britain (S) (T) (168601). 12.00 Daspatch Box (S) (51915). 12.30 BBC Learning Zona: Open University – Persisting Dreams (T) (43808). (T) (4380b), the Sixtes (88608).). **4.00** Languages: a Businass and Training:

BBC2

9.30 Writing and Pictures (S) (8928427), 8.43 Storylims (S) (8914582), 10.00 Tsleubbles (R) (S) (27059), 10.30 Words end Pictures (S) (9486156), 10.45 Cats Eyas (S) (945431), 11.00 Look end Read: The Legend of the Lost Keys (S) (T) (3482158), 11.20 Zig Zeg (S) (T) (339158), 11.40 Landmarks (S) (T) (8710137), 12.00 Job Bank (S) (T) (4243205), 12.10 History Fila (S) (545934), 12.30 Working Lunch (23330), 1.00 Romusald the Reindear (R) (8808576), 14.0 That History Hour (S) (9152205), 2.10 Awash with Colour (S) (56620578), 2.40 News: Regionat News: Weether (3474866), 2.45 Match of Their Day (S) (T) (484040), 3.25 News: Regional News: Weether (35) (965243), 4.25 Ready, Sisady, Cook (S) (T) (534508), 4.55 Eather (S) (T) (5320069), 5.30 Todey's the Day (S) (T) (224). lind3 (T) (R) (7671224)); 8.20 Taz-la (1287446); 30) 9.00 it (S) (4520021); 1.43 Storytima

8.00 Hit, Mias or Meybe. Pop videos assessed, once mora, by Zos Ball end youth Icons (R) (S) (T) (137224).

8.40 The Ren and Stimpy Show. Cult cartoon eeriss (R) (T) (843595).

7.00 infernal Affaire. New esries on industry regulators, and first up there's a look at the music industry's entt-piracy unit. Perhaps they'll invasilgate the ridiculously initiated profits made on CDs next... (S) (8514).

7.30 Rough Guide to the World. Slunning foresis, gleciars end geysers, Maori culture and untouched baschee -- sounds lika New Zaaland (S) (T) (001).

8.30 Food and Drink. Anlony Worrell Thompson cocks a good, old-fashioned papper stask, and Michael Barry pursues "the ultimate Lancashire hotpot" (S) (T) (3068).

8.00 Births, Marriages and Deathe. Penultimate part of this "gritty" drema series, if we are to classify it. Alan is uncomfortable at Pat's funeral, while Tarry vows to return Pat's two young boya to their natural father. Sterring Ray Winstone, Mark Strong and Phil Dovis as the three old friends (S) (T) (9717).

10.30 GEOLE The Grimleys. Seventiss-sal comady drama bout the urrequited love of a schoolboy for his with Noddy Holder, Brian Conley and Amenda, Sea Comedy of the Day, below (S) (T) (79021).

11.20 Londor (43953) (83480). ghtly News Weether (T) (304158). Tonight (T) (725507), 11.30 Fitz (S) (T) 12.30 Nationwide Football League Extra 1.30 World Football (R) (2126267).

2.05 TIM Dr Phibes Risee Again (Robert Fuest 1973 byably camp horror starring Vincent Price as an for who risas from a 10-year hibsrnetion rad to bring his wife back to Ilie (2220806).

THE GRIMLEYS (10.30pm ITV, hg/n) From the pen of Jed Morentio, writer of Chrilice Arrest, comes this absolute treasure of n series set in a sectool in Dudtey, circa 1075. It follows young Gordan Grindey, a had with a topicless crush on his English teacher, and frustrated by his uncouth family. The pre-publicity has celebrated Noddy Hokler's role us a music teacher, but Amanda Hohlen is also excellent, as is Brian Coulcy as a brutish PE muster. Tonight, Gordan lands the romantic lead in a school production of Romeo and Juliet.

5.00 Home

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n Tonight. Regional news update for the and the South-East, with local sport and () (883).

8.30 HIGH

7.00 Wish JIH3 ITV Evening News; Weather. Gooding end welcome - Travor MoDoneld reads the h-chattad-about early-evening news. See Naws gramme of the Day, below (T) (243).

In You Were Here...? Anthea Turner takes a ri in Namibis, south-west Africa, Judith Chalmare ms to St Tropaz, and Martin Roberts goes offson to Spain's Costa dal Sol (S) (T) (5040).

7.30 Corone Alto's no etion Street, lan attempta a reconciliation - ot having any of it (S) (T) (427).

B.00 Who Wents to 8e a Millionairs? Chris Tarrant presents the phone-line-lunded quiz show (S) (T) (1088)

8.30 Cop Shop. New fly-on-the-wall saries (these files are braeding unchecked), which follows the coppara of Gosport in Hampshire (T) (7346).

9.00 Kavenagh QC. John Thew's Kavanagh represents a young activist charged with oausing the deaths of 22 trinocant people, and finds in her echoss of his own youthful idealism (S) (T) (9088).

12.05 What's So Special ebout Devid? A look at the case of a child with Down's syndroms whose mother is fighting for his right to be aducated in a mainstream secondary achool (T) (106717).

12.40 [R][I][H] An Angel At My Table (Jane Campion 1990 NZ/Aus/UK). Director Campion's socialmad film, sciapted from the autobiography of New Zealand writer Janet Frama. Sae Film of the Day, below (T) (86690806). **3.05 Powerhouse** (R) (12477335). **3.30** Right to Reply (R) (95557). **4.00** Schools (T) (72806). To 5am.

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Children's ITV: Mopalop's Shop (49:3427), 3.30 Kippar (R) (S) (9968040), 3.40 The Adventures of Captain Pugwssh (S) (8953576), 3.55 Oggy and the Cockroachas (S) (T) (5242779), 4.05 It's e Mystery (S) (T) (8338786), 4.30 Polisrguests (S) (T) (796).

and Away (S) (T) (2576).

5.30 London Bridga. "Luke's toyalitaa are teated when ha suspecia Nell of baing up to her old tricks." I think we can take it as read that ahe's not e magician (S) (750).

8.00 Roseenne. The med metriach struggles to make ends meet – country singsr Lorette Lynn makee a guast appearance (R) (S) (T) (205).

B.00 To the Ends of the Eerth. Documentary following poat Robart Twigger as he travels to the uninhabited forests of Indonesia to find the largest snake in the world. Eighty yeare ago, a pize of \$50,000 was offared by the Bronx Zoo to anyone able to auxphy e live and healthy 30ft snake – and it appears has ineans arrough to take up the challenge (7) (4021). 7.55 The Outlaw. Five-part animated series shown to coholde with National No Smoking Day on Wednesday (T) (921205).

9.00 Cutting Edge. Pedastrian documentary on Friern Barnet hospital, once the largest mantal institution in Europe. It has since been redeveloped as a luxury homes complex, and here its new residents are quizzed about their feelings on the building's history (T) (4885).

10.00 FIRM Wes Graven's New Nightmera (Wes Craven 1994 US). A pre-Scream Craven produced this postmodern appendix to the Nightmere on Elm Streat series. The director himself features in the film-within-a-film elructure as Freddy Kruager's lagend is reassessed before he escapes from the script to threaten the work in progress (T) (7972).

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TV (5917601). 8.25 Trisha (S) (∏) (8149330). 10.30 Morning (∏) (57707601). 12.20 Your Shout 7834). 12.30 ITV Lunchtima Naws: Weather (∏) 8069). 12.55 London Todey (∏) (4746088). 1.25 Tha 8069). 12.55 London Todey (∏) (4746088). 1.25 Tha 9 Springsr Show (S) (∏) (4301682). 2.10 Home and y (S) (∏) (55840330). 2.40 Wheal of Fortune (S) (∏) (\$78640330). 2.40 Wheal of Fortune (S) (∏) 7.00 The Big Breaktast (45953). 9.00 Schools (T) (929953). 11.30 Here's One t Made Earliar (R) (S) (T) (7686). 12.00 Sasama Street (T) (90514). 12.30 Bawlichad (R) (S) (T) (25798). 1.00 Pet Rescue (S) (T) (48040). 1.30 Son for Sail (T) (71673791).

1.50 IIIII Rotten to the Core (John Bouting 1965 UK). So-so Bouting broihsre' comady about three criminals who elempt to collect thair share of a robbery on thair release from prison. Eric Sykes and lan Bannen ster (T) (75450595). Collactors' Lot (1) (781), 4.00 Fiftban to Ona (S) (1) (156), 4.30 Countdown (S) (T) (3207446), 4.35 Montal Williams (T) (5315137).

5.30 Pet Rescue. Unusual cats with turnmy problems and a Peralan kittan with a deformed lip are the unlikely sounding dramatis felines (T) (392).

3.30 Similar Shootdown (Michael Preseman 1988 US). Faci-based drems – generally a suphemism for a TV movis – about the effermath following the destruction of a Korean airlinar which was shot down effar entering Soviet elrepace in 1983. A bereeved mother attempts to uncover the truth behind tha tragedy. Angela Lansbury la sha (1) (9683971).

(3) 5 News and Sport (5701066). 7.DD WideWorld (R) (S) (T) (8198359). 7.30 Milkshake! (S) (2613865). 7.35 Winzies House (R) (4692514). 8.00 Hawakazoo (R) (S) (2815137). 8.30 Dappledown Farm (R) (2814408). 9.00 Was it Good for You? (R) (S) (6787705). 8.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4474156). 9.30 The Opreh Winfrey Show (138933). 10.20 Sunsat Beach (S) (T) (3651798). 1140 Leeza (S) (2367327). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (281824). 12.30 Family Affaira (S) (T) (1296446). 1.00 Tha Roseanne Show (R) (S) (1295717). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (6174446). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (1772934).

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100 Par Cont. The game show which needs a host (S) (2418427).

5.20 Suneet Beach. American eoep. Maria's memory has come beck, so eha asks Ben if he still lovea her (S) (T) (3745224).

6.30 Hollyoeks. Chaster youth. More shock revelations for the Patrick family (T) (885). 8.30 Family Attairs. Peta threatena to silence Claire once and for all (5) (1) (2409779).

7.00 Channel 4 News, including sport and weather (T) (468383).

7.00 8 News, including First on Five. National and International news with Kiraty Young (S) (T) (9145934).

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8.00 Instant Gardens. A garden in Burbage, Leiosaterehire gats a computer-dasigned, minimaliat makeover (S) (T) (9154882). 7.30 Nature! Paesions. Documentary ebout the tropical torests in Costa Rica, whose tree-tops ahelter a huge number of species unknown to acience (S) (T) (2498683).

5.30 Animel ER. A cet covered in creceote, and a foal with a hernia – Endell Veterinary Practice in Salisbury help out (5) (7) (9773717).

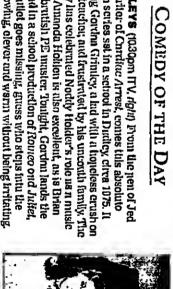
S.00 **EILE Remember Me** (Michael Switzer 1985 US). Kelly McGillis featuree in this made-for-TV drama in which a woman, grieving over the death of har son, becomes mixed up in a murder. Not half as bad as these things can be (S) (T) (81266801).

10.80 Dr Fox's Chart Update (S) (8410663)

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12.45 Live and Dangerous (S) (8234538), 1.25 Live end Dangaroua (continued) (S) (10041018), 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7109286), 5.30 100 Per Cent (R) (B) (8573793). To 6am 10.35 V. Sci-il drama sertea about deadly allan invaders disguisad es humsns (R) (S) (84259392).

TELEVISION GUIDE BY PETER CONCINE



AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (12.40sm C4) Jane Camploria remarkabla three-part biopic of the life of New Zcaland writer Janet Frame actileved tremendous success for what is, in essence, a made-for-felevision mini-series. Stitched together from the original 52-minuta segments, the film takes its name from the middle episode, in which Kerry Fox (right) plays the psychologically initia, redirend as she gues eway to university and has a breakdown. The first portrait in the triptych, "To the Island", paints the most vivid picture, with Karen Fergusson



FILM OF THE DAY



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AT TEN

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after 32 years of the Naws at Ten, ITV gets to broadcast the news at the tima it has covering since the early Ninetics. There's not much new to report about the programme itself – Trevor McDennid (right) is still on auto-cue, the trademark bongs still sound, and while the set has been designed to feel a little roomier, it isn't radically different. There's now mother ITN buildenage on Wednesday, a Strillone section flick the

11.13 Tribe. Short film about thrae woman who have covarted to laiem (S) (T) (172750).

(R) (S) (T) (78921). **4.30** ITV Nightscrean **i.30** ITV News (49170). To 6am.